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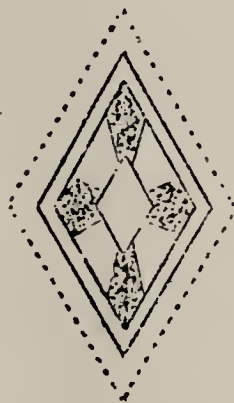
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GENEALOGY OF  
PETTIT FAMILIES IN AMERICA  
DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN PETTIT 1630-1632

FIRST OF THAT NAME  
IN AMERICA



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## FOREWORD

In preparing the Pettit Genealogy, it seemed desirable to study and briefly review the Huguenot background, to call attention to the persecutions for religious principles which were the cause of the original emigrations from France. Also to show the continued religious stanchness during the stay in England which led to the second emigration to America.

The religious characteristics in the descendants of John Pettit (6) and Hannah Dunham of Sharon, Connecticut were enhanced by the Puritan Dunham strain and in the George Pettit branch by his marriage to Jane Upfold, the daughter of Rev. John Upfold.

To the deep religious character of many of the descendants, the letters and biographies remaining amply testify. Although the types of religious faith may have differed with the years, there is abundant evidence that the high ideals of service and character have continued.





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## CHAPTER I

### AN OUTLINE OF THE HUGUENOT EMIGRATION

#### (REASONS FOR LEAVING FRANCE)

The religious struggles against the oppression and power of the Roman Catholic church began in Germany with the protest of Martin Luther. He was born in 1483. He began preaching against the power and corruption of the Roman Church in 1517. His followers were in 1529 the first to be called Protestants. Luther died in 1546, but his religious teachings had spread through Germany and Western Europe.

The second great Protestant leader was John Calvin (1509-1564) of Geneva, Switzerland, who formulated the doctrines of the Protestants which became the Articles of Faith of the Huguenots, Puritans, and the English people of Scotland.

In France and in the Netherlands--Holland, Belgium, Flanders, etc., religious political parties were formed and the struggle for supremacy led to bitter civil and international wars.

In France under King Henry II (1547-1559) Catholic influence was paramount and persecutions of the Huguenots began and were renewed periodically for 130 years. Huguenots began leaving France in Henry II's reign. His successor, Francis II, came to the throne in 1559. He was married to Queen Anne of Scotland and the government was in the hands of her uncles, Duke of Guise and Cardinal of Lorraine, zealous Catholics. They began at once to destroy the Huguenots. Twelve hundred persons were executed "with revolting cruelties" in 1560. The Huguenots had increased in numbers and influence and now included many men of high rank and great ability, and the struggles between the Huguenot and Catholic parties for power in governmental affairs increased. Francis II died in 1560.

Charles IX was only ten and one-half years old when he came to the throne in 1560. His mother, Catherine de Medici, administered the government. Her advisor was wise and moderate. Leaders of both parties were placed in the great offices of State. The States-General (Parliament) was assembled and it proclaimed entire religious freedom in France (except in Paris). This was confirmed by royal edict. Four cities, one La Rochelle, were placed as guarantees in the power of the Huguenots, Admiral Coligny being their leader. This, however, did not restore their confidence in the government. Both parties were bitter. Catherine became jealous of Admiral Coligny and she "wrung" from King Charles his consent to the death of Coligny and other Protestants. The "Massacre of St. Bartholomew" was ordered and took place on August 24, 1572. In Paris 10,000 persons were "butchered" and 30,000 in other parts of France, without distinction of age or sex. The Huguenots still held La Rochelle and later obtained favorable terms from the government. Charles IX died in 1574. He was succeeded by Henry III.

During the reign of Henry III (of Valois) the Huguenots became very powerful under the leadership of Prince Henry of Navarre and the Prince of Conde. They compelled humiliating concessions from the King in 1576.





This led to the formation of a "Holy League" composed of Catholic King Philip of Spain, the Pope, and the French Duke of Guise to secure Papal supremacy, extirpate the Huguenots, overturn the French government and place Catholic Duke of Guise in power. The Huguenots formed a "Counter-League" headed by Henry of Navarre and Prince of Conde. Henry III chose to favor the Holy League and on July 18, 1585 published "the Edict of Nemours" revoking all previous edicts guaranteeing religious freedom and peace and allowed six months to make public profession of the Catholic religion or go into perpetual exile. In the war which ensued in 1587 between the forces of King Henry III and Henry Duke of Guise, and the Huguenots under Prince Henry of Navarre, Henry III found himself at the mercy of the Guises and caused them to be assassinated. He then allied himself with Henry of Navarre and the Huguenots. A few months later he was assassinated by a monk. (Motleys United Netherlands, Vol. 1, pg. 131.)

In 1589 Henry IV of Navarre, a Huguenot, came to the throne of France. He promised security to both Catholics and Protestants. This displeased the "Holy League". He had to fight for his throne and won. In 1598 he published the Edict of Nantes "confirming the Huguenots rights and privileges and conferring upon them entire liberty of conscience and admission to all offices of honor and emolument".

There were in 1607 four thousand great Huguenot Lords and 30,000 Huguenot soldiers. The Huguenots had 740 churches and the best fortresses in France. (Motley's United Netherlands)

In 1610 Henry IV was assassinated by a half insane fanatic and many Huguenots left France.

Louis XIII, aged nine years, succeeded under the regency of his mother, Mary de Medici. Cardinal Richelieu became her adviser. His first object was to subdue the Huguenots. La Rochelle was besieged and in 1628 compelled to surrender after 15 months during which the population was reduced from 27,000 to 5,000. The other cities in possession of the Huguenots surrendered also and the cause of Protestantism in France was entirely prostrated. Huguenots fled to Holland, England, and New England.

The economic and cultural status of France became very high under Richelieu, the King being a mere cipher. Richelieu died in 1642 and Louis XIII in 1643.

Louis XIV was scarcely five years old when he became King with his mother, Anne of Austria as regent. Cardinal Mazarin, as Prime Minister guided France to victory in several wars with Holland and Germany, annexing Alsace and Strasburg, fixing the boundaries of France much as they are today. Mazarin died in 1661 and the King assumed the reins of government. Under his rule of over 50 years France was very prosperous. The grandeur of his civic and national improvements, his patronage of arts and sciences, wise financial measures, glorified France. His court was magnificent. Madame de Maintenon was his favorite and adviser. A zealous Catholic, she persuaded Louis to revoke the Edict of Nantes. He published the revocation in 1685. Fierce persecutions had already begun in 1681. Five hundred thousand to one million persons, seven percent of the best blood, business men, trades and skilled craftsmen, fled from France in any way they could to Holland, Germany, the West Indies, and to America. England received the major part of the emigration, at least for the first flight.







## CHAPTER II

### HUGUENOTS IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA

The English Church separated from Rome in 1534 and the Bible was first printed in England in 1535. As the first persecutions of any magnitude in France began between 1547 and 1559, Protestant England was the natural refuge.

Queen Elizabeth came to the throne of England in 1558. The Huguenot refugees were welcomed for their industry and skill. The merchants and manufacturers added to England's prosperity. The bankers, weavers and jewelers were of high station. In 1618, the English men complained to the government that the foreigner's competition was ruining their business. ("The Huguenots" by Sam'l Smiles)

There were in England in 1558 three religious parties. Those of the Established Church of England, the Roman Catholics and the Protestants, (Independants, Separatists, Brownists, Baptists, etc.) known later as the Puritans.

The first important act of Queen Elizabeth was the re-enactment of the laws of King Edward VI (1553) making changes in the "established" religion and ordering severe punishments for those who refused to comply with the liturgy as contained in the Book of Common Prayer.

By the "Act of Supremacy" the English sovereign was made head of Church and by the "Act of Conformity" no persons were allowed to attend any places of worship other than those of the Established Church. For refusing to "conform" hundreds of English people suffered death and imprisonment.

Elizabeth died in 1603. James I, who succeeded Elizabeth, proceeded to persecute those who refused to recognize his claim to the "divine right to rule" without control either by Parliament or other governmental agencies (1621), and also those who refused to "conform" to the Established Church. Like Elizabeth, James welcomed the Huguenots and approved their industry, honesty and stability, but hated the "trouble-makers" of the English who contended for the liberties, rights, and privileges granted to Englishmen by the Magna Charta signed by King John in 1215.

The Huguenots mingled with the general population and were religiously of the Independents, but they were allowed in several cities to have their own churches with services in French. Large numbers of Huguenots had settled in the Eastern and Southern Counties of England. Nottingham and Lincoln at the North, Norfolk, Cambridge, and Suffolk to the South of them were "hot-beds of non-conformity", and Essex, Herts, Kent and Sussex farthest South, were scarcely less so.

The persecutions under Elizabeth and James I drove many English Protestants to Holland. One large group found refuge there and lived for nine years at Leyden; but Holland was crowded and there was little opportunity for their children, so emigration to America was determined upon. The great captains, Drake, Raleigh, John Smith and others had told of the lands beyond the sea. As early as 1562 the Huguenots attempted to establish





a colony on St. Johns River, Florida, Port Royal, but the colonists were massacred by Indians. In 1605 a French colony was started in Nova Scotia. This also was a failure.

The "Pilgrim Fathers", one hundred of whom sailed from Holland and England in 1620 led the way and the tide of emigration set westward. Many of the Huguenots who had fled to Holland and England came to New England and New Netherland from 1626-1640 and later 1686-1700. Several French colonies were started--Newtown (now Cambridge, Mass), Oxford, and later in 1688 at New Rochelle, N.Y., in South Carolina in 1700, and in the West Indies. Campbell in his "Puritans in Holland, England, and America" says the Huguenots from Normandy, Gascony and Province led by Gabriel Bernon came by way of England (as most of them did) to Boston. Some remained in Boston, others followed Bernon to settle Oxford. When on August 25, 1696, Oxford was burned by Indians and many massacred, those remaining of the group went with Bernon to New Rochelle. In 1685, 150 Huguenot families came to Massachusetts and the French church was built in Boston in 1693. After the first groups came individual members of families as shown by Hotten's "Original Lists of Emigrants 1600-1700".

#### IN NEW YORK

Baird's "History of the Huguenot Emigration" states two French families arrived in New Netherland (New York) and went Eastward to the Connecticut River. In 1638 only two French persons were in New York City, but from that time more emigration continued. (Note: The early N.Y. records were very meager, none having been kept for the first 15 years)

In 1671 Huguenot families came to New York from St. Christopher, West Indies. From 1676-1681, Huguenots were in New York and Harlem. In 1683, sixty families came from Canada and some came from Boston. (Jas. Riker's History of Huguenot Emigration)

From 1681 numbers came to Massachusetts and Virginia but many more to New York and South Carolina (Fiske's Dutch and Quaker Colonies-Vol. II, pg. 401)

#### IN NEW ROCHELLE

A company of Huguenots who had fled to England in 1681, in 1686 commissioned Jacob Leisler acting Governor of New Netherland to purchase land for them. He bought from John Pell 6000 acres of a grant from the English King to Thos. Pell (his uncle) on Long Island Sound, for which was paid about \$8,000.00. A letter from Dominic Henry Selyns of New York states "on 10th of October, 1688, Nova Rupella (New Rochelle) is being built up" (Clark's History Westchester Co.) They bought also 100 acres for a French Church which was organized in 1689 and built in 1693. The first Minister was David de Bonnepos from St. Christopher W. I. to Massachusetts thence to New Rochelle in 1686.

Gazeteer of State of N.Y. by J.H. French, Chapter on Westchester Co. pg. 703, states "The Huguenots who settled New Rochelle were brought over from Bristol in the English King's ships landing at Bauffets or Bonnefoys Point, N.E. of Davenport's Point in 1686. The town record of New Rochelle commences November 1, 1699.





For two generations they preserved the French language in all its purity. There was correspondence with other French colonies,--Oxford and Newtown, Mass. Before their church was built in New Rochelle in 1693, the Huguenots walked to New York to worship in the Church of Eglise du St. Esprit, twenty miles distant.



### CHAPTER III

#### PETITS IN FRANCE

The data concerning the Petit families in France before 1700 were taken from the French "Dictionnaire de la Noblesse" by de la Chenaye--Published by Desbois et Badier, Paris. It is included only as part of an interesting background.

Petit, "ancien Noblesse", originally came from Normandie and were of the Election of Caen of which family is N--le Petit, ecuyer (esquire) du Vivier whose arms are "de gueules, au lion passant d'or: au chef cousn d'azur, charge de three etoiles du second e'mail".

Le Petit are descended from the House of Moulines and were divided into two branches: one established in Paris under the name of Petit des Landes, and the other in the Palatinat under the name of Petit de Maubisson.

In 1259 Jean Petit, ecuyer (esquire), cadet of Moulines, election of Caen, birthplace Caux, attached himself to the service of Bouchard, Comte of Vendome and Castres. He had a son Claude, also a "gentleman in waiting" of Vendome. Claude's son Louis, attache of the same, was father of Claude II. His son Antoine in 1400, had children, one, Henri succeeded Antoine in the position of "sommelier" (butler) of the Corps de Jean (probably a military corps). Henri Petit, ecuyer, with Louis, Comte de Vendome, was made prisoner in the battle of Azincourt in 1415 and carried to England where he died in 1477 and was interred there.

Petit des Landes were all of or near Paris, Seigneurs de Passy, Villeneuve, Pavanne, Etigny and Loudeville. The family was divided into many branches, known and distinguished in Paris "since most of the Century", more through the different positions which they have occupied than through their alliances.

They trace their origin to Francois Petit, married first Madeline Louvencourt; second, -- -- de Villeneuve. He was Secretary to the King Louis XIII in 1637. Of the first marriage there were eight lines of descendants. Of the second there were three.

#### NOTE:

This branch having remained in Paris and in the service of the King and government was undoubtedly Catholic.

#### Petits of the Palatinat

Francois Petit, ecuyer (esquire) Sieur de Maubisson, was baptised April 17, 1663, in l'Eglise de Saint Merry Parish. He passed into Germany (the Palatinat was a part of Bavaria west of the Rhine) where he established himself. He was counsellor in the service of S.A.S. l'Electeur of Palatinat, Baille (bailiwick) de Veldenz, where he died and was interred in







Parish de St. Remy de Dusemont of the Comte de Veldenz (Veldentz). The Comtes Palatinat of the Rhine were royal officials under the Emperor of Germany in the 10th century. The office was hereditary. The ruling family became extinct in 1685.

In 1583 the Electeur, Louis VI, was a Lutheran and his successor from 1583-1592 gave every encouragement to the Calvinists. The great majority of the inhabitants of the Palatinat were Protestants. This was undoubtedly the reason for Francois Petit settling in the Palatinat.

About 1690 Louis XIV attacked and devastated the Palatinat for six years. In 1697 "for money", he abandoned his claim that the region belonged to France (Encyclopaedia Britannica). The Petits in Normandie and in the Palatinat were undoubtedly Huguenots.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica and La Grand Encyclopaedia (French) have pages in regard to individual Petits, prominent in France as botanists, physicians, surgeons, and men of other professions. Others were sent on government missions to foreign countries.

At the siege of Antwerp (then city of the Netherlands) by the Spaniards in 1585, "Historian Le Petit, a resident of Antwerp, was sent on a secret mission to Paris to secure auxiliary force and pecuniary subsidy from King Henry III. He returned with encouragement". Queen Elizabeth was also appealed to by a commission and promised aid but delayed too long. Antwerp fell and the inhabitants were "put to the sword".

In 1685 James II had come to the throne of England. He was very unpopular at the end of three years. Prince William of Orange also an heir to the throne of England "descended from Germany" into the Netherlands to raise an army with which to enforce his claim. There had been many Huguenot officers and men in the Dutch Army fighting the Spaniards. Seven hundred thirty six officers joined William of Orange. He had two regiments entirely of Huguenots, 2250 men. Prince William landed with his army at Torbay, England, November 15, 1688 and defeated the Army of King James. The crown was conferred jointly on William of Orange and Mary his wife also an heir to the throne. (Motley's United Netherlands)

Of this army "Petit, Le Sieur, was an officer in the Red Dragoons. Many descendants of this family have served in the British army and held offices in Church and State". (Huguenot Refugees and Their Descendants, 1618-1688 by Samuel Smiles).

Smiles states that "50,000 Huguenots found safety in England four years before the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685." Of these were the settlers of New Rochelle.

"The chief numbers were from the northern and western provinces of France directly into England, Iceland, America and Cape of Good Hope".

"One hundred forty families of Huguenots left England in 1622, some going to Holland but the greater number going to the American colonies already formed on Massachusetts Bay".

(Cooper's List in the Camden Society Papers, lists Petits and Petites, silk weavers and makers of fabrics living in England in 1618.)

#### Note 1.

The Butler of a royal household was an official of high rank whose duties, though primarily connected with the supply of wine for the royal





table, varied in the different courts in which the office appears, chief male servant of the household. In England counts, earls, and other nobles held office as Butler to the King. From the Encyclopaedia Britannica we learn that all families named Butler in England and America are descendants of men who held the office of Butler to the royal families.

Note 2.

The ancestral seat of the Princes of Orange was Dillenburg in Nassau Province of Germany.





## CHAPTER IV

### PETTITS IN ENGLAND

#### AUTHORITIES CONSULTED:

English Surnames (Beardsley)  
Homes of Family Names in Great Britain (Guppy)  
Family Names (Baring-Gould)  
British Family Names (Barber)

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The original name Petit, or Le Petit, was Norman French and was anglicized. The various spellings in England and America were Pettit, Pittitt, Pettitt, Pettye, Petty, Pettet, Petyt, Pettis, and possibly Pettee.

Some Petits in England seem to have come from France early and settled in Cornwall, and later in Kent, Essex, Sussex, Bedford, Oxford, and Suffolk, containing the greater numbers.

In "Visitations of Cornwall" by Vivian\*, the pedigree of the families of Petit and Treasahar is given from the death of Sir Robert Hellegan in 1272 through twenty-four generations to 1740.

In the fourth generation the heir was Isabel daughter of Sir Belomus Hellegan who married Sir John Petit, Knight, whose son became head of line. He was, through his mother, great-grandson of King John of France who died in 1364. The Petits continued as heads of the family with the title "Sir" borne by twelve generations. The direct male line seems to have become extinct in 1515. The seat of the Petit family in Cornwall was Ardevora. The arms of the Petits are displayed on a capital of St. Just Church, in Roseland.

The women of the Petit family married men of the Gentry class. (see pedigrees in "Visitations" under names of Philleigh, Carminowe, Trevanion, Poyle, or Poile. (Philleigh pedigree herewith).

#### "Visitations of Kent" by Bannerman 1574-1619

Pedigree of Petitt Family founded by Valentin Petitt records six generations 1574-1619. The son of Valentin was John Petit who became a London Alderman. His son Valentyn and family owned the Dandelion Estate on the Island of Thanet, Kent, in the 16th and 17th centuries. (Pedigree herewith.) Guppy's Homes of Family Names in G. B. published 1890, gives nine Petitt families in Kent in that year.

#### "Visitations of Suffolk" by Metcalf and Sir Edw. Bysshe.

The pedigree begins with Gyles Pettit in Horsheath, County of Cambridge. His son John Pettit signed the pedigree. He had four children, Edward, son

\*Note: All "Visitations" mentioned were published by the Harleian Society, London.





and heir, aged ten in 1664, John, Charles, and Elizabeth. Guppy gives 23 Pettit (sometimes spelled Pettet) families in Suffolk in 1890. (Pedigree herewith)

"Visitation of Essex" by Berry, refers to marriage of Phillip Brisco eldest son of John Brisco of Aldenham to Joan, daughter and co-heir of William Petit of County Kent. Their grandson, Robert Brisco, was eight years old in 1634. (Pedigree herewith.)

Guppy gives 18 Pettit families in Kent in 1890, twelve in Bedford, ten in Sussex. Guppy also states Pettit (and varied spellings) in Essex, England six centuries ago, and in the 15th century in Norfolk.

Barber lists "Pettit, French Petit, a Huguenot name--1618" (no first name, no residence)

Victoria History of the Counties of England, Edited by Wm. Page, -Essex Co. Division, -states "a few Huguenots from 1572 on, found their way to Essex Co. Their presence partly accounts for the energy and determination with which the Puritan doctrines were received and adopted in Essex."

The Huguenot refugees in the 16th and 17th centuries established in Essex the manufacture of Bays and Says which flourished for over 200 years (Bays, blankets with long nap--Says, a kind of serge cloth.)

Saffron Walden was so called because of the Saffron grown in the region. It was exported to all countries.



From "Visitations of Cornwall" - Vivian

Philleigh

Pedigree of families of Petit and Tresahar of Ardevora

1. Sir Robert Hellegan--m. Maude, dau. Sir Roger Carminow  
ob. 1272
2. Sir Wm. Hellegan--m. Margaret, dau. Sir Wm. Duistanville
3. Sir Belemus Hellegan--m. Isabel, dau. R'd. Fitz Ive and Isabel  
la Blanche, dau. of King John of France,  
ob. 1364. Isabel ob. 1313
4. Isabel--m. Sir John Petit, Knt.
5. Sir John Petit--m. dau. of Walesboro
6. Sir John Petit--m. dau. Sir John Seneschall
7. Sir John Petit--m. Alice, dau. Sir Michail Beauchamp
8. Uda Petit--m. Jane Trevanion
9. Martyn Petit--m.-----
10. Sir Michael Petit--m. dau. Lord Bouville
11. Sir Michael Petit--m. Margaret, dau. and co-heir of Sir Thos. Car-  
minow and Jane Walesborough
12. Sir Michael Petit--m. Annacia, dau. Thos. Le Archdeacon
13. Sir Michael Petit--m. Margaret, dau. John Trenwith
14. Michael Petit--m. Thomazine Leigh
15. Sir John Petit--m. Jane, dau. Wm. Anthorne of Ardevora  
1515

"Arms of Petit"

"Argent, a lion passant  
(or salent) gules."





From Visitations of Kent

1. Valentin Petitt--m. -----  
 2. John Petitt of London (alderman)--m. -----  
 3. Valentyn of Isle of Thanet--m. Joane, dau. Beuerley of Fordwiche  
 4. Edward--m. Eliza      Alice--m.--      Henry--m.      Dennis      Bennita--m. --  
     dau. Alex      no issue           dau. of      no issue  
     Northwood                Thacher  
     Elias--unmarried  
 5. Vallentyn--m. 1. Martha      Anna--m. Northwood  
     (son & heir)m. 2. Maria      no children  
     dau. Tho. Cleve  
 6. Eliza      Henry      Val.      Cleve      Elias      Paulus  
     m. Wm. Parker      son & heir      age 22      age abt. 19      age 16      age 14  
     age 23 in  
     1619

From Visitations of Suffolk

1. Gyles Pettit, Horsheath Cambridge--m. Alice Mickley
2. John Pettit, Bury St. Edmunds--m. 1. Elizabeth, dau. Edw. Crisp  
m. 2. Mary, dau. Jos. Chamberlain
3. Edward, son and heir, age 10 in 1664  
John  
Charles  
Elizabeth

Signed John Pettit





## CHAPTER V

### Pettits in America before 1700

The name "Pettit" in the records in America is as variously spelled as it was in England.

The Pettits in America of whom records have been found are as follows:

Anne Pettit's name is on "Hotten's earliest list of emigrants, 1600-1700" (John Camden Hotten). In "The Winthrop Fleet" Chas. Edw. Banks states that she arrived at Salem, Mass. Colony June 16, 1630 on one of the five Winthrop ships from Saffron Walden, Essex Co., England. She transferred her membership from the "State" church there to Salem and from Salem to Boston in August 1630. She was enrolled in the Boston Church as Anna (Pettit) \*Peters, doubtless was married after arrival in America and before August 1630. (Pioneers of Massachusetts by Pope; Planters of the Commonwealth by Banks). William M. Pettit of Dayton, Ohio in response to a letter of inquiry written to the Vicar of the church at Saffron Walden, received the information that Anna Pettit of Widford was baptized there in April 1610 and was the daughter of Henry Pettit, a Huguenot refugee. No further information in regard to Anna Pettit Peters has been found. She was undoubtedly a sister of John and Thomas Pettit and preceded them to America.

Thomas Pettit emigrated from England with his wife Christian, daughter of Oliver Mallows (Mellowes) (Mellows) who brought also his second wife and his other children.

John Pettit was a communicant of the church at Ipswich, Mass. in 1631-2. He was found in Boston in 1634. Thomas Pettit seems to have gone with Oliver Mallows directly to Boston. Later he went to Exeter N. H. and Long Island. John Pettit was employed in Boston by Oliver Mallows but was found in Roxbury, Mass. 1634-1644.

{ Compendium of American Genealogy)  
{ Pioneers of Mass. by Pope)  
{ Details of history later)

\*Or Peeters

In New Netherland (New York) on May 27, 1694, in the Huguenot Church Eglise du St. Esprit Marie, daughter of Jean Petit and Ester Sousean was baptised by Rev. Peyret, Minister. The witnesses were Jean Le Chevalier and Marie Morillet. (Collections Huguenot Society pg. 36)

One Thomas Pettit married Catherine Branch Nov. 26, 1697 (New York Genealogical and Biographical Records)

In 1700, one Judith Petit married Isaac Bataille, weaver, and fled from Rouen, France to South Carolina and one Marguerite Petit married to Nicholas Brochet from Nanteuil des Meaux with their son Nicholas, his wife, Suzanno Danay and children also went to South Carolina. Meaux is 30 miles N.E. of Paris. (Huguenot Emigration by Baird, Vol. 2, pg. 74 and 104)

There were Petits in New York and in New Rochelle, but whether the families were original settlers or from the near-by colonies on Long Island or Connecticut there was found no evidence.

"History of Westchester Co." by Rob't Bolton, Vol. 1, pg. 587, records a petition signed with 28 names to grant permission to Benjamin Petit of





New Rochelle to build a mill, voted April 17, 1724. (pg. 599). From New Rochelle Town Records, at a Town meeting in 1815, William Pettit was granted land for a road (pg. 412). In 1824 Wm. Pettit was present at a Town meeting. Also was recorded as Pathmaster of the First District. That there was intercourse between the French of New Rochelle and the Pettits of Newtown, Long Island is borne out by the Town Records of New Rochelle. One Thos. Pettit of Newtown was willed a tract of land by Theophile Fourrestier. Deed was dated 1715. Bairds "Huguenot Emigration" gives as residents of New Rochelle Theophile Fourrestier age 56, Charles, age 54 and Jean, all in New Rochelle from Cozes, France.

There were several entries in regard to this land willed to Thos. Pettit. On page 130 the name was spelled "Petit", on page 134-"Petitts", page 135-"Pettit", page 140-"Petit", showing (as in Sharon Records) that the clerk spelled by sound rather than by knowledge.

### THE PETTIT TRADITION OF ORIGIN

The Pettit Family Tradition accepted by the descendants of the Sharon, Conn. line has been substantially as follows:

"John Pettit left La Rochelle, Fr. in the fall of 1685 with other Huguenots, being obliged to flee because of persecutions following the revocation by Louis XIV of the Edict of Nantes. Taking only such articles as were necessary, they sailed on a small ship of 160 tons burthen, arriving in New York in mid-winter after an unusually severe passage of over two months duration. They settled on a beautiful tract of land a few miles north of N.Y. City on the East River, naming the settlement New Rochelle. The family continued to reside there until removal to Sharon, Conn."

The tradition does not accord with the true history of the founding of New Rochelle, as evidenced by data already set forth, nor with the clear evidence as to the settlement of Stamford and of Sharon. It is of record that the settlers of New Rochelle spoke pure French for fifty years. There are no French names in the Stamford Pettit line nor any indication that they spoke French.





## CHAPTER VI

### THE PETTITS BEGIN THEIR LIFE IN AMERICA

There have been no records found to support the New Rochelle tradition of their having landed in New York direct from France.

The "Compendium of American Genealogy" records John Pettit in Roxbury, Mass., and Thos. Pettit, his brother, with Thomas' wife and father-in-law, Oliver Mallows as being in Boston in 1634.

There is abundant reason for believing that John (born in Widford, Essex, in 1608) and Thos. Pettit and Oliver Mallows at the time of their coming to America, left the same district in England as the great Puritan leaders. This embraced the counties of Norfolk, Nottingham, Cambridge, Norfolk, Suffolk, Hertford (Herts), Essex and Kent, a region approximately 180 miles long by 80 miles wide. The greatest number went from Suffolk and Essex. As already stated, there were a number of Pettit families in each of those counties. Seeking clues as to their English Source, we find in "British Family Names" by Barber, that "Mallows" the name of Thos. Pettits father-in-law and "Marlow" originally were Marlieux in France and Mallows was a local family name in Hertfordshire, which borders Essex.

In Suffolk on August 26, 1629, twelve of the most eminent Puritan leaders resolved to lead an emigration under John Winthrop, of Groton, and Thos. Dudley. John Winthrop (born 1588) sailed from Southampton on the ship "Arbella" on April 22, 1630. Seventeen ships brought 1000 persons to Mass. colony. They poured over Boston, Charlestown, Newtown (Cambridge), Roxbury, Dorchester and Watertown.

John Winthrop was elected Governor of Massachusetts colony, in 1637. ("Life and Letters of John Winthrop" by R. C. Winthrop)

From Essex came John Eliot, the first teacher and pastor of the first church in Roxbury. John Eliot was born at Widford, Essex (25 miles north of London). When he was six years old, his parents moved to Nasing, Essex Co. After he was graduated with B.A. degree from Cambridge University in 1622 he was employed by Thomas Hooker at Little Baddow School near Chelmsford, Essex. He sailed from London with sixty others (one of whom was John Winthrop Jr.) in the ship "Lyon" on August 23, 1631, arrived at Boston November 3, 1631. His age was 27. He served a church in Boston for one year. "His English friends and neighbors had arrived and settled in Roxbury and he went in 1632 to be with them as teacher and minister. He was called the 'Apostle to Indians'" (History of Roxbury by Ellis).

Thos. Hooker, the great leader, driven out of Essex in 1630 for "non-conformity" went to Delft, Holland. He was pastor of an English Puritan church there. In 1633 he came to Boston and became pastor of the church in Newtown (Cambridge). (Note: Dissatisfied with the lack of liberality of the Puritans of Massachusetts, he led a party of one hundred persons on foot, driving their cattle to found Hartford in Connecticut. Of this group John Marsh of Brintree, Essex, England, was one.)





In 1634 nearly four thousand had arrived in Massachusetts colony.

It is unbelievable that the Huguenot Pettits and Mallows should not have been familiar with this great emigration of Protestants and known, or known of, the Puritan leaders mentioned as well as Wm. Bradford, Wm. Brewster and John Robinson, leaders of the group in Norfolk and Nottingham Counties who fled from persecution to Holland in 1611 and settled Plymouth colony in 1620.

Was it not natural that John Pettit, also born in Widford, should have gone to Roxbury for the same reason as John Eliot, "to be near his English friend and neighbors" of whom John Eliot himself was perhaps one?





## CHAPTER VII

### AN OUTLINE OF THE PETTIT'S FIRST TWENTY YEARS IN AMERICA

#### John Pettit No. 1

Although the "Compendium of American Genealogy" Vol. 1, pgs. 665 and 914, states that "John Pettit came from England with his brother Thomas and Thomas' father-in-law, Oliver Mallows and was in Roxbury in 1634", other records are in conflict.

There is authentic record that Anne Pettit was the first to come in 1630. John Pettit was recorded in church record of Ipswich, Mass. Col. as a communicant in 1631-2 and as living in Ipswich in 1633.

There is authentic record that Thomas and his wife and Oliver Mellows, with his second wife and children, emigrated in 1633. John Pettit worked for Oliver Mallows in Boston in 1634, but went to Roxbury, Mass. Colony, 1634-1636.

John Pettit was born in Widford, Essex Co. England. Probably he was attracted to Roxbury for the same reason as John Eliot, also born in Widford, "to be with his friends and neighbors". Ninety-two came from Essex Co. in the "Winthrop Fleet". Also it is possible that he was not in sympathy, as were Thomas and Oliver Mallows, with the religious controversy engendered in Boston by the doctrines advocated by Mrs. Anne Hutchinson and Rev. Wheelwright which culminated in 1636-7.

John Pettit was born in Widford, Essex Co., England in 1608 and was 26 years old in 1634. His name appears as a resident of Roxbury and is listed as a communicant of the first church in the handwriting of John Eliot, its teacher. In 1639, the list on the leaf of the "Original Town Records of earliest inhabitants, 1636-40" (Remainder of record lost.) reads:

"24-1/2 acres ---- John Pettit ---- 8"

In "Town of Roxbury" Drake states: "The figures in the right hand column sometimes erroneously supposed to indicate the number of persons in the respective households, have an evident correspondence with the number of acres given in the column on the left, and are perhaps a valuation in pounds and shillings. Some of the figures have been torn off."

"Roxbury Land Records" in the Town Books, a complete and accurate list of the inhabitants, sets forth that "one Wm. Denison asked permission to maintain a fence between John Johnson's land and his land" which he bought from John Pettit. Petition dated January 8, 1644. Also in 1644 a "petition to enclose tracts of land" one of which was 51-1/2 acres bought of one Edward Porter and John Pettit lying in the thousand acres at Dedham. The sale of these lands indicate the approximate time when John Pettit migrated from Roxbury. Probably in Roxbury, John Pettit married Debrow --- and born there were John II in 1638 and Debrow. "Compendium of American Genealogy", Vol. 1, pg. 665, states John Pettit went from Roxbury to Long Island.

Stamford was started in 1640 by a group following the lead of Andrew Ward. "History of Stamford" by Huntington says "John Pettit was one of the first white settlers and was credited with children before 1650." The names of John Pettit and Debrow Pettit appear on a "list of persons coming to Stamford between 1643-1676". (History of Fairfield Co. by D. Hamilton Hurd, pg. 698). Thomas Pettit was undoubtedly attracted to Long Island by John's presence at Stamford. There was intercourse between the families, evidenced in recordings of marriages, etc. in both places.





(Authorities consulted)

New England Pioneers by Pope

Pioneers of Massachusetts by Pope

Town of Roxbury by Francis S. Drake

History of Roxbury by Ellis, pg. 18 and 126

Roxbury Land Records

The genealogical Records begin with John Pettit in Stamford in 1650, from the Records of births, marriages and deaths given in the History of Stamford by Huntington, and data from American Genealogist by Donald L. Jacobus.

Thomas Pettit--1610-1690.

Thomas Pettit was born in Widford, Essex Co., England, 1610. He emigrated to Boston, Mass. Colony in 1633 with Oliver Mallows (Mallowes) and his family. In 1636 Thomas married his daughter Christian Mallowes, b. 1620/1. Oliver Mallowes advanced the passage money for Thomas who worked for him in payment for 3-1/2 years, until August 11, 1637. He was granted a house lot in Boston Jan. 8, 1638. (Pioneers of Mass. by Pope) (Record Commission Vol.2, pg.22)

Oliver Mallowes operated a mill and both Thomas and John worked for him, Thomas until 1637, John until he went to Roxbury.

Thomas Pettit and Oliver Mallows were sympathizers with Rev. John Wheelwright. Thomas followed him to a new settlement at Exeter, New Hampshire in 1638, where Thomas signed the "Exiter Combination" on April 2, 1640. (Exiter Combination, see note 2). In the religious controversy in Boston over Mrs. Hutchison and Rev. Wheelwright, Thomas was arrested on charge of "suspition of slander, idelness and stubbornness and was censured to be severely whipped and kept in hould". (Records of the colony of Mass. pg. 194). The sentence was not carried out. Thomas Pettit received six acres at Exiter as his share of the Combination. He was appointed a "Culler of pipe staves" for the town Feb. 1647.

In October 1651 he was authorized to sign a petition on behalf of the town, in regard to boundaries and to sign an agreement with the minister on June 13, 1655. He was select man in 1652 and 1655; after the latter year his name disappears from Exiter.

Thomas Pettit, Jr., his son, had a grant of 30 acres in Exiter in Feb. 1647-8. His daughter Hannah was born in Feb. 1647-8. "The Essex Institute", Vol. 3, pg. 15, also records her birth and "Compendium of American Genealogy" lists a son Nathaniel born 1646. The "Essex Antiquarian" Vol. 1, pg. 179, records John, Ted (Thos.) and Mary Pettit as witnesses to a deed executed by Edw. Gilman, Nov. 14, 1654. History of Exiter by Chas. H. Boll pg. 31, states, "Thomas' wife was named Christian."

In 1655 Thomas Pettit migrated to Long Island settling first at Mespat, but was so troubled by Indians that he removed to Flushing. "Later a goodly number of Englishmen came from New England and the Connecticut shore." A settlement was made at Newtown in which Thomas Pettit was a leader. He was Marshal of the Town Court in 1658 and 1660; Thomas Jr. was assessor 1691-1693. Nathaniel and Moses were established as residents and free







holders and Thomas Jr. and Nathaniel each received 10 acres of woodland Apr. 23, 1668. They and John received tracts of land, deeds and patents Nov. 25, 1686 under the draft of the charter received in the beginning of 1686.

"Annals of Newtown" by Riker, pg. 110, mentions sons of Thomas Pettit, Thomas Jr., Moses, Nathaniel, John, and "Essex Institute" records daughter Hannah and Essex Antiquarian mentions Mary.

Nathaniel, born 1646, married Mary Field. He purchased 800 acres of land in Delaware. On Sept. 13, 1673 as a Quaker he refused the oath of allegiance. He died in 1714.

From Thomas Pettit's descendants have sprung the Pettits who migrated westward through New Jersey and Pennsylvania. This line covered by "Pettit Family in America" is not carried on.

#### Note 1.

Oliver Mellowes (Mallows) appears to have been man of some means. He was son of Abraham and Martha Bulkeley Mallows, nephew of Rev. Peter Bulkeley. He married first Mary James at Boston, England, Jan. 1, 1620,\* mother of Christian who married Thomas Pettit. He married, second, Elizabeth Conney Mar. 1, 1633 in Boston, England and emigrated the same year, with his second wife and children. He was charter member of First Church, Boston, Mass. Col. in May, 1634, and was elected a Freeman in Sept. 1634 (American Genealogist, V. 11, pg. 4). He was a sympathizer with Rev. Wheelwright and was disarmed in 1637 in Boston. He had three children born in Boston 1634-1638. He died intestate in 1638 in Braintree.

#### Note 2.

The Exiter Combination. (From History of Exiter by Chas. Bell, pg. 32.) Rev. John Wheelwright minister of First Church in Boston in Jan. 1636-7 preached a sermon sympathizing with Mrs. Hutchinson for this he was tried and banished being given two weeks to depart. After going to Rhode Island for the winter, in April, 1638, he went to Swampscot Falls, then in New Hampshire. There he founded a church, secured land of which the Morrimac River was the southern boundary. He called it Exiter.

In July 1639 a combination of nearby plantations, a voluntary association for governmental purposes was formed and called "The Exiter Combination". In 1643 all the plantations of New Hampshire came under Massachusetts except Exiter and it was received Sept. 7, 1643 upon petition which Thomas Pettit signed.

\*The dates were secured from records in Boston, England by Wm. M. Pottit of Dayton, Ohio, and given to Milton H. Pettit (2) in 1928.



JOHN PETTIT I

and

some of his descendants in the direct line

DIVISION I

Roxbury to Sharon

DIVISION II

Sharon to New York State and Westward

Branch I

Dr. James Pettit's line

Fredonia N.Y.

Branch II

George Pettit's line

Fabius N.Y.





## DIVISION I

### Roxbury and Stamford to Sharon

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#### JOHN PETTIT I

1. John Pettit, first John Pettit in America (son of Henry Petit, Huguenot Refugee), b. Widford, Essex Co., England, 1608. Emigrated to America, arriving Ipswich, Mass. Colony, 1630-1632. Was recorded in Boston and in Roxbury, 1634. Migrated to Stamford, Conn. probably before 1644 as he sold his lands in Roxbury before that year. (Roxbury Land Records). He died Stamford, 1662, Order for Probate of his estate is dated Apr. 14, 1662. He married (1) Debrow ---No. 2; m. (2) Mary ----No. 3. She died July 20, 1657.

##### Children:

4. John II, b. ---1638, Roxbury, Mass.
5. Debrow, b. ---- ---, Roxbury, Mass., d. Sept. 7, 1657
6. David, b. July 20, 1654, Stamford, Conn., d. Aug. 8, 1657
7. Jonathan I, b. Feb. 23, 1656 in Stamford, d. 1720-1 in Bedford, Westchester Co., N.Y., m. Elizabeth Finch, No. 14

(American Genealogist Vol. X, p.44)

John Pettit seems to have been married twice but no records of the marriages were found. The presence of John's and Debrow's names on the "list of the earliest inhabitants of Stamford, 1643-1676" would indicate that Debrow was the first wife. No record of her death was found, nor of the death of Mary by name, the only entry being "John Pettit's wife died July 20, 1657." (History Stamford by Huntington)

A court order was found in the Stamford and Fairfield Co. records dated April 14, 1662 in regard to John Pettit's surviving children, "his wife Mary having died July 20, 1657." One child was in care of Goodman Weeds. Commissioners were John Bishop, Francis Bell, Robert Usher, and Lieut. Mead. (Stamford Records, Pg. 113)

##### Note:

Use of Roman numerals indicates same name descending from father to son.

Use of figures indicates number of times the name has recurred.





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JOHN PETTIT II (PETIT)  
(Son of John Pettit I and Debrow Pettit)

b. 1638, Roxbury, Mass., d. 1676, Stamford, Conn., m. May 13, 1665 Sarah Scofield, No.8, dau. Daniel Scofield. (American Genealogist Vol. IX, pgs. 118 and 175; and Stamford Town Records)

Children:

9. Sarah, b. June 27, 1666, Stamford, m. John Finch
10. John III, b. Aug. 26, 1668, Stamford, d. Dec. 17, 1715,  
m. (1) Mary Bates, 1692/3; m. (2) Anna Goold, Jan. 16,  
1706-7
11. Solomon, b. June 20, 1672, d. before 1695
12. Mercy, b. Sept. 5, 1674, Milford, d. 1714; m. May 26, 1697  
Jeremiah Beard of Milford
13. Bethia, b. 1676, m. (1) Theophilis Miles, 1699; m. (2)  
Josiah Tibbals of Milford. She died 1714

"Petition for the probate of the will of John Pettit II and for the appointment of a guardian of the children was filed, Apr. 5, 1676 by Richard Law and Francis Bell. The court of Magistrates, the Governor being present, appointed Richard Law, guardian of the three younger children, their mother deceased" (Stamford Registry). American Genealogist records, "Sarah chose as her guardian Abram Ambler and John chose his uncle Daniel Scofield, Jr.

John Pettit II bought house and lands from Samuel Brown of Stamford. He was chosen selectman in 1671.

Daniel Scofield father of Sarah Scofield Pettit was one of the earliest settlers and a prominent man in Stamford. Was Marshall of the court for that vicinity in 1656. He owned two acres and a town lot in 1641. His will dated Sept. 4, 1664 gave "to Sarah, wife of John Pettit and her two children each 5 pounds Sterling". He died in 1671.

Huntington's "History of Stamford" states Pettits became numerous in Stamford and vicinity and all were respectable citizens. They remained for the greater part of the first century in that locality and across on Long Island.



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JONATHAN PETTIT

(Son of John Pettit I and Mary Pettit)

b. Stamford, Feb. 23, 1656; d. Bedford N.Y., 1720-1; m. Elizabeth Finch, No. 14

Children:

15. David, d. 1726

16. Nathaniel, b. 1688; d. 1768

17. Elizabeth, b. 1690; m. Nathaniel Scofield, Jan. 21, 1713-4,  
relative of Daniel Scofield

Jonathan Pettit in 1680 was one of the recognized holders of tract called "Hop Grounds" signed by Indians, confirmed by Court of Election at Hartford May 11, 1682. The tract was in North part of Stamford, called in 1720-21, Bedford. By the settlement of the boundary line between Connecticut and New York in 1731 Bedford was included in New York State.

In March, 1681, Jonathan owned town lot #22, field lot #19, meadows 11 (acres ?) and plains 18 (acres ?) in Hop Grounds, Stamford County.





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JOHN PETTIT III

(Son of John II and Sarah Scofield Pettit)

b. Aug. 26, 1668, Stamford, Conn.; d. Dec. 17, 1715; m. (1) Mary Bates No. 18, Oct. 4, 1692/3, d. Oct. 23, 1702; m. (2) Anna Goold, No. 19, Jan. 16, 1706-7, d. Jan. 26, 1719-20 (American Genealogist Vol. XI, pg. 91; History of Fairfield Co.)

Children by first wife:

20. Jonathan (2), b. "latter end of Oct. 1693"
21. John IV, b. Mar. 3, 1694-5, m. Mercy Bishop, July 10, 1729
22. Sarah, b. Feb. 8, 1696-7; m. David Weed, 1723; d. 1729
23. Samuel(1), b. Feb. 21, 1698-9; m. Elizabeth, dau. Catherine, b. June 22, 1739; d. 1742-3.
24. Ebenezer, b. Jan 17, 1701-2; m. Susanna Socley, Jan. 1, 1729; d. Feb. 3, 1731

Children by second wife:

25. Ann, b. April 27, 1708; m. Nathan Sherwood of Fairfield, 1730
26. Mary, b. Mar. 19, 1711; m. John Bouton, Feb. 18, 1732, Milford; dau. Mary, b. Dec. 24, 1732; son Goold, b. Jan 21, 1733-4; Mary married Eleazar Bouton
27. Mercy, b. and d. 1712

(In the Stamford Records the name was spelled Petet, Pettet, Pettit, and even Jhon peatite. (American Genealogist Vol. XI, pg. 91)

John Pettit III lived for a time in Milford, also at Springfield and Northfield but returned to Stamford.

He was one of seventy-five drawing 69 home lots in Stamford on Dec. 26, 1699. In January 1701 "the pecuniary standing of citizens of Stamford" was listed: "John Pettit, 56 pounds Sterling, 7 shillings, 9 pence". (History of Stamford by Huntington)

In May 1705, he was appointed with Jonathan Husted by the Court with full power to administer the estate of Jabes Sherwood of Greenwich.

The Bates men were prominent and influential in Stamford. Robert Bates came from England in 1630. Lived in Watertown and Wethersfield. Moved to Stamford about 1642. His will probated Nov. 1675 names John, Mary, wife of Abram Ambler. Also grandsons and daughters. His son, John Bates, b. about 1641, married Sarah Cross. Children were Lieut. John, Jonathan, Samuel, and Mary, who married John Pettit III.

Jonathan Bates gave Samuel Pettit, b. 1698, nephew, five acres of land. Samuel Bates gave to nephew Jonathan Pottit five acres of land in Stamford. (Public Records of Connecticut, p. 512)





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JOHN PETTIT IV

(2nd son of John III & Mary Taylor Pettit)

b. Mar. 3, 1694-5, Stamford; m. July 10, 1729 Mercy Bishop, No. 28  
(American Genealogist)

Children:

29. Mary, b. Apr. 18, 1730; m. (1) Eleazar Bouton, b. Jan. 22, 1728; m. (2) Abner Osborn, May 31, 1752. Children: Samuel, Ebenezer, Benj., Mary and David
30. Bethiah (Beutilda), b. July 7, 1735
31. John V, b. July 7, 1735; m. Betsey
32. Samuel (2) b. Oct. 20, 1737-8; m. Margaret ---, d. 1826
33. Abel, b. Nov. 11, 1739
34. Joel, b. July 6, 1742; m. Hannah Thacher Oct. 8, 1767, Sharon; son Joel T., b. 1775, d. 1807, no issue
35. Enos, b. July 4, 1744
36. Hezekiah, b. Oct. 8, 1746
37. Hannah, b. Mar. 18, 1749

John Pettit IV seems to have remained in Stamford. On second Thursday in Oct. 1736 he was a signer of the "Five Mile River Petitioner". In 1744 he signed a petition for church in Darien.

"Had a son in Sharon"

(History of Stamford by Huntington)

5th generation

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Samuel Pettit (2)

(Son of John IV and Mercy Bishop Pettit)

b. Oct. 20, 1737-8; d. July 8, 1826, age 88 years and 8 months; m. Margaret --- No. 38, b. 1740; d. July 23, 1793, age 52 years

Children:

39. Elisha, b. Dec. 28, 1764; m. Sally Wickham, May 13, 1792
40. Samuel (3), b. May 19, 1767; m. Abigail Culver, Mar. 11, 1799
41. Martha, b. Mar. 31, 1769; d. July 29, 1815, age 46
42. Gideon, b. July 22, 1772; d. 1829, age 57 years  
(Sharon Records by Laurence Van Alstyne)



## SHARON, CONNECTICUT

(From History of Sharon by Sedgwick)

The township of Sharon in Litchfield County was not opened for settlement until later than other parts of that county because of uncertainty as to the New York boundary line. At a session of the Connecticut Assembly, May 1738, Sharon was ordered to be opened, divided into 53 shares (one for a school and one for the minister) remainder to be sold at public auction on 2nd Wednesday in October, 1738.

The first land was taken by Capt. Jonathan Pettit (2). He and Capt. Jonathan Dunham of Colchester each bought 80 acres. They returned to their homes for the winter of 1738-1739. In the spring of 1739 they returned with their families, being the first settlers and original proprietors. Jonathan Pettit owned also the 32nd house lot.

Fourteen to twenty families came from Colchester and Lebanon the next spring and a larger number from New Haven and some from Stamford. Jonathan Dunham was appointed agent to secure a charter for the town. Petition was dated 2nd Thursday, October 1739.

Census of Litchfield County, 1790, records:

<u>Head of family</u>	<u>White males over 16</u>	<u>Under 16</u>	<u>Females</u>
Pottit, Samuel	4	--	2
Pettit, John	2	--	2
Pettit, Solomon	--	--	--
Pettit, Joel	2	--	--





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Jonathan Pottit (2)  
of Stamford and Sharon

(Oldest son of John III and Mary Taylor Pettit)

b. Latter end of October, 1693, in Stamford; d. Sharon, 1772 in the 79th year of his age ("at an advanced age"); m. (1) Mary --- of Stamford, No. 43; m. (2) Hannah ---, 1714, No. 44  
(American Genealogist Vol. XI, No. 4, pg. 226)

Children all of 2nd wife:

45. Hannah, b. Mar. 14, 1716; d. Oct. 10, 1739
46. Jonathan (3), b. Feb. 27, 1718
47. John (6) b. Feb. 7, 1720; d. Aug. 4, 1754; m. Hannah Dunham
48. Mary, b. Mar. 6, 1722; m. Bethel Hecock or Hancock
49. James, b. -----, 1725
50. Sarah, b. July 1, 1727
51. Mercy, b. July 22, 1730; m. John Benedict of Norwalk
52. Abigail, b. Oct. 2, 1732; m. Sam'l Hitchcock, Sept. 24, 1752
53. Elizabeth, b. Apr. 8, 1735; m. Jacob Dunham, Oct. 29, 1754;  
moved to Mayfield, N.Y. near Saratoga, where Jacob was  
killed by Indians in 1779. Dau. Rebecca m. Selah Woodworth

In October 1736 Jonathan (2) with his brother John IV was signer of the "Five Mile River Petician".

He went from Stamford to Sharon early in 1738 and was one of the first two settlers, purchasing 80 acres. He owned also the 32nd homo lot and lived on the road leading north from Joel C. Whitford's.

He had received the title of Captain before leaving Stamford. "Was Constable in Sharon for nine years and was much employed with public affairs."

His nephews Samuel and Joel, sons of John IV Pettit of Stamford settled in Sharon. Samuel lived in the north part near Benedicts Mill. He died July 8, 1826.

Joel lived to an advanced age. His son Joel was educated as a lawyer and practiced in Sharon. Died Sept. 13, 1807, age 32 years. No issue.

(Sharon Burying Ground Records)





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John Pettit (6)  
of Sharon

(2nd son of Jonathan (2) and Hannah Pettit)

b. Feb. 7, 1720; d. Aug. 4, 1754, age 34 years; m. 1741-2 Hannah Dunham, No. 54, dau. Capt. Jonathan and Judith Luce Dunham, b. Colchester, 1721; d. at home of son Jonathan, Sherburn, N.Y. 1805

Children:

- 55. John (7), b. June 6, 1743; m. Lydia Dunham, May 6, 1762
- 56. Hannah, b. Oct. 17, 1744; m. Elisha Webster, 1790
- 57. James, b. Mar. 25, 1748; unmarried; a Lieutenant in Revolutionary War; d. from wounds received
- 58. Mary, b. Jan 1, 1749; m. Andrew Crocker; moved to Vermont
- 59. Jonathan (4), b. July 25, 1752; m. Agnes Riddle or Riddell
- 60. Dunham, b. Oct. 31, 1753; went to Canada at outbreak of Revolutionary War; thought to have returned to Sacketts Harbor, N.Y.

John Pettit (6) dying in the 35th year of his age left his family in destitute circumstances. Jonathan was taken by his grandmother Dunham with whom he lived until he was 14 years old.

6th generation

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John Pettit (7)

(Oldest son John (6) and Hannah Dunham Pettit)

b. June 6, 1743; m. Lydia Dunham, No. 61, May 6, 1762 at Sharon. He died soon after 1770.

Children:

- 62. John (8), b. July 14, 1763
- 63. Solomon, b. Feb. 3, 1765
- 64. Hezekiah, b. Mar. 28, 1767
- 65. Lydia, b. May 6, 1770

(Sharon Births, Marriages and Deaths by Van Alstyne)





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Jonathan Pettit (4)

(Third son of John (6) and Hannah Dunham Pettit)

b. July 25, 1752; m. Agnes Riddle (Riddell) No. 66, July 5, 1775 at Saratoga N.Y. Dau. George and Margaret Mulegan, b. Nov. 2, 1755; from Ireland and Freehold N.J. He died Mar. 2, 1833, aged 80 years at Cazenovia, N.Y., where she died also at the home of her daughter, April 30, 1833, age 77 years.

Children:

- 67. James (3) b. Albany, Apr. 13, 1777; d. Fredonia, N.Y. May 25, 1849
- 68. John, b. and d. Dec. 1778
- 69. George, b. Albany, Jan. 13, 1780; d. Aug. 9, 1866
- 70. Jonathan (5) b. Albany, Jan. 31, 1782; d. Mar. 20, 1811
- 71. David, b. Albany, Feb. 11, 1784; d. 1856
- 72. Infant, b. and d. Jan. 1786
- 73. Melancton Smith, b. Saratoga, Aug. 13, 1788; d. July 28, 1817
- 74. Eber M., b. Oct. 22, 1790; d. Feb. 16, 1793
- 75. John Riddell, b. Burlington, July 27, 1793; d. 1856
- 76. Infant, b. and d. Dec. 1795
- 77. Agnes, b. Sherburne, Aug. 29, 1795; d. Mar. 6, 1875; m. Patrick S. Sinnott of Fabius, Oct. 30, 1815

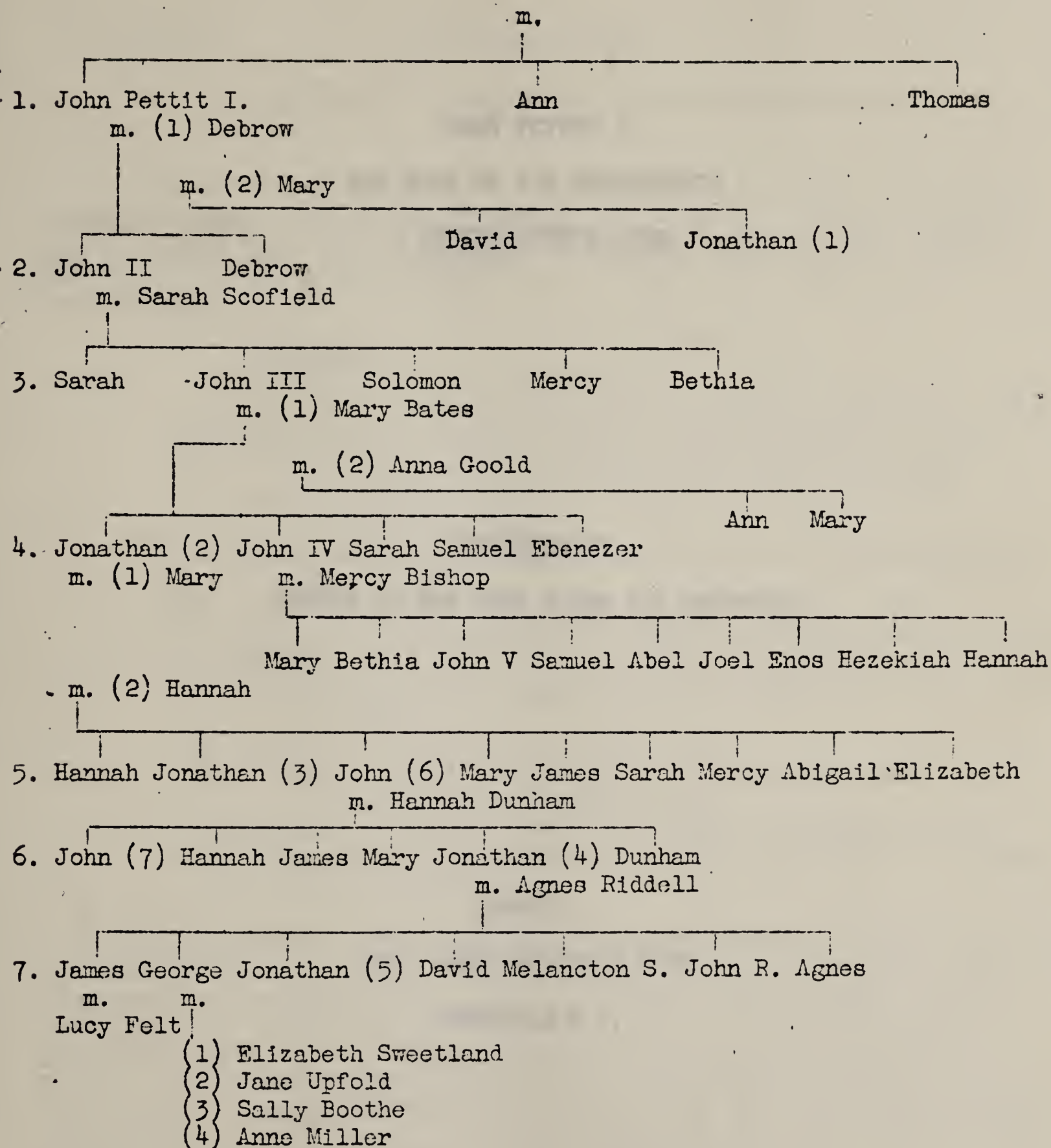
"Jonathan Pettit being only 2 years old when his father died was taken by his grandmother and lived with his grandparents until he was 14 years old, when he left for the "Far West" stopping at what is now Saratoga. There he commenced learning the trade of shoe making and tanning. One Sunday he went fishing and was quite successful. He met General Schuyler to whom he sold his catch for two dollars. He loaned his master one dollar and with the balance returned to Sharon where he completed his trade training. After this he again "went west" and located at Sherburne, Chenango Co. N.Y." (statement of Jonathan E. Pettit quoted from "The Pettit Family in America")

Jonathan (4) and Agnes lived for a time at Sherburne until the inhabitants were driven out by the French and Indians. They went to Albany, where their four older children were born. Jonathan Pettit was appointed Captain Mar. 6, 1779 at age of 26 years, of Albany Co. Associate Exempts, 16th Regiment militia (Col. History, State of N.Y. V. 1, pgs. 275 and 540) He served until Nov. 30, 1780. After the Revolutionary War, the family lived in various places as indicated by the birth places of the children. Note: In year 1793 Geo. Riddle came to Saratoga from Freehold, Monmouth Co. N.J. A weaver by trade from Co. Antrim, Ireland. Margaret Mulegan was brought to America by her uncle David Rao. They were married in Freehold. Six children were baptized in Old Tennent Church, the oldest Agnes on Dec. 21, 1755. She married Jonathan Pettit (4) July 5, 1775.





# Henri Pettit, Widford, England







JOHN PETTIT I

AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS

IN THE DIRECT LINE

DIVISION II

SHARON TO NEW YORK STATE AND WESTWARD

BRANCH I

DR. JAMES PETTIT'S LINE

FREDONIA N.Y.



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Dr. James Pettit

(Oldest son of Jonathan and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. Albany, Apr. 13, 1777; d. Fredonia, N.Y., May 25, 1849; m. at Hamilton N.Y. Lucy Felt (Phelt) No. 78, Nov. 4, 1797, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Mehitible Buell Felt of Lebanon, b. Somers, Conn. Mar. 3, 1777; d. Fredonia, N.Y. Feb. 16, 1859.

Children:

79. Samantha, b. Sherburne, June, 17, 1798; d. Baltimore, 1871
  80. Sophronia, b. May 28, 1800; m. Canfield Marsh at Delphi, Oct. 24, 1818; d. Dec. 8, 1855. (See Marsh Book, page 49)
  81. Eber M., b. Hamilton, May 5, 1802; m. Eurette Sweet; d. Fredonia, 1885
  82. James Jacob, b. Hamilton, May 26, 1804; d. Kenosha, Wis, Aug. 5, 1877
  83. Lucy Maria, b. Fabius, Apr. 2, 1806; d. Aug. 1812
  84. Elnora, b. Fabius, Mar. 12, 1808; d. Dunkirk, 1836; m. James Delvin
  85. Harriet, b. Fabius, Apr. 6, 1810; d. Fredonia, 1878; m. Harlay Handy
  86. Samuel, b. Fabius and d. 1812
  87. William Harrison, b. Fabius, Sept 12, 1813; lived in Ohio; d. Washington D.C. 1865
  88. Charles, b. Fabius, Sept. 13, 1815; d. Fredonia, 1868
  89. Melancton Smith (2), b. Pompey, Mar. 26, 1818; d. Fredonia, 1878
- A 2nd Lucy died an infant

Dr. James Pettit studied medicine with Dr. Greenly in Hamilton, N.Y., practiced first in Fabius. In 1816 moved to Delphi, lived there 12 years then went to Cazonovia and in 1835 to Fredonia where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the originator of "Pettit's American Eye Salve" which is still in the market. Dr. Pettit was commissioned a surgeon in the war of 1812 and rendered service on the frontier. In 1825 he was representative from Onondaga Co. in the State Legislature. In politics a Republican. He was one of the first to take sides boldly against slavery. Was a member of the Baptist Church.





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Samantha Pettit Cogswell

(Dau. of Dr. James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Sherburne N.Y. June 17, 1798; d. Mar. 24, 1871 in Baltimore;  
 m. Oct. 3, 1816 William Cogswell, No. 90, in Fabius, N.Y., b. July 24,  
 1789; d. Sept. 25, 1834 in Ohio; served in War 1812.

Children:

- 91. James, b. Aug. 27, 1817; m. Mrs Miller
- 92. William Jr., b. July 15, 1819; m. (1) Sara J. Siddall;  
 m. (2) --- Townsend of Brooklyn 1864
- 93. Andalucia, b. Sept. 2, 1823; m. James Crosby
- 94. Benjamin Franklin, b. Mar. 15, 1827; d. Dec. 7, 1905;  
 m. Fanny Walter, b. Feb. 4, 1845, d. Dec. 12, 1912;  
 lived in Brooklyn
- 95. Sarah Samantha, b. Mar. 2, 1831; m. Richard Miller; six children died in infancy

William Cogswell Jr. was an artist of repute, a portrait painter; traveled abroad and made portraits of many royal personages. Painted a portrait of Abraham Lincoln which hangs in the White House, Washington, D.C.

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Benjamin Franklin Cogswell

(Son of Samantha Pettit and William Cogswell)

b. Mar. 15, 1827; d. Dec. 7, 1905; m. Fanny Walter, No. 96, Feb. 4, 1845;  
 d. Dec. 12, 1912. They lived in Brooklyn N.Y. and died there

Children:

- 97. Alice, b. Apr. 25, 1868; m. Frank Martin Brooks Oct. 16, 1894;  
 d. Feb. 12, 1933  
Children: Beatrice, b. May 22, 1900, and, Martin, b.  
 Jan. 8, 1906, m. Ann Harlow, Sept. 30, 1930
- 98. Mabel, b. July 26, 1872; unmarried
- 99. Florence, b. Sept. 22, 1873; m. Herbert A. Simonson, Jan. 8,  
 1903
- 100. Benjamin Jr., b. Oct. 9, 1878; m. Marion Homan. They have  
 Fanette, George and Benjamin III





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Sophronia Pettit Marsh

(Dau. of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. May 28, 1800; m. Oct. 4, 1818 at Delphi, Canfield Marsh, No. 101

Children: First four born Delphi, six younger at Courtlandville, N.Y.

102. Sophronia Eunice, b. Aug. 19, 1819; m. Mar. 1840 Henry S. Candell; d. Mar. 18, 1872-3
103. Canfield James, b. Dec. 30, 1820; m. June 27, 1842 Maria Taylor; d. July 1883
104. Lucy Maria II, b. June 28, 1822; m. Feb. 24, 1842 S.R. Kellogg, b. Goshen, N.Y. 1815 and d. May 29, 1877, Kenosha Co.
105. Eleanor Mehitable, b. Aug. 31, 1824; m. Dec. 19, 1844, Dr. Andrew Durnford. He d. Sept. 8, 1855. She lived in Orlando, Fla. Son, Andrew Durnford, lives Auburn, N.Y.
106. John Stewart, b. June 29, 1827; m. Minerva L. Smith. She d. Oct. 1876. Dau. Blanche ---m. R.J. Ingram, Chicago
107. Titus Albertus, b. Nov. 1829; d. Aug. 24, 1851
108. William Henry, b. Mar. 10, 1832; d. 1861
109. Ann Venette, b. June 10, 1834, Courtland N.Y.; d. Dec. 29, 1922, Auburndale, Mass.; m. Dr. A. Everhard, 1856. Lived St. Marie and Ripon, Wis.; had seven children
110. Ambrose Augustus, b. Feb. 1837; d. Sept. 1, 1910, Orlando, Florida; m. 1859, Lucy A. Brainard, d. 1899  
Children: Carrie Bell, Wm. Augustus lives Bremerton, Wash., Mary Eleanor, m. ---Ingram; son, Warren; they live in Winter Park, Fla.
111. George Gary, b. Sept. 9, 1838; d. Nov. 1838



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Lucia Maria Marsh Kellogg

(Dau. Sophronia Pettit and Canfield Marsh)

b. June 28, 1822; m. Feb. 24, 1842, S.R. Kellogg, No. 112, lived Paris, Kenosha Co.; d. Aug., 1812

Children:

- 113. Agnes Jane, m. Jacob Gore, 1865. They lived Crete, Wis.
- 114. Helen Sophronia, b. Nov. 8, 1845; d. 1869; m. Thompson McK. Wylie in 1867
- 115. Mary Theresa, b. Sept. 10, 1848; d. about 1930; m. Wm. B. Munson 1873; lived Creston, Iowa and Pasadena, Calif. two children: Walter B. and Nellie m. Leon W. Moore.
- 116. Minerva Eleanor, b. May 5, 1851; d. 1885; m. Benj. F. Parker
- 117. Lucy Ada, b. May 14, 1856; d. Mar. 1876

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Eber M. Pettit

(Son of Dr. James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Hamilton N.Y. May 5, 1802; d. May 10, 1885; m. Jan. 1, 1823, Euretta Sweet, No. 118, dau. Graphin and Elizabeth Sweet, Delphi N.Y.; b. Aug. 11, 1804, Cazenovia; d. Apr. 13, 1874 in Fredonia; lived Cazenovia and Versailles, Catteraugus Co. until Nov. 1863 when he moved to Fredonia where he died May 10, 1885.

Children:

- 119. Helen Elizabeth, b. Cazenovia, Jan. 5, 1825; d. Fredonia, May 29, 1880; m. Darwin R. Barker, 1846, b. Sept. 9, 1820; d. July 22, 1885
- 120. Harriet E. b. 1831; d. 1837
- 121. James M. b. Jan. 13, 1833; d. Fredonia, Jan. 5, 1918; m. Sarah E. Hall, dau. of John and Lydia Kane Hall, 1870, Richfield; b. New Port, N.Y. Aug. 27, 1841; d. Fredonia Aug. 1921. James M. was Capt. Co. A, 64th N.Y. Militia, Civil War; wounded at Gettysburgh; a lawyer, Mason, and member G.A.R. A sterling character and beloved by friends.
- 122. Frederick W., b. 1835; d. 1857

Eber M. Pettit was engaged in the manufacture of Pettit's American Eye Salve in partnership with his son-in-law, Darwin R. Barker. The business was started by his father Dr. Jas. Pettit.

Eber M. was a staunch abolitionist; was a conductor on the "Underground Railroad". In 1879 he published his book entitled "Underground Railroad Sketches."





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James M. Pettit

(Son of Eber M. and Eurette Sweet Pettit)

b. Jan. 13, 1833, Cazenovia, N.Y.; d. Fredonia, Jan. 5, 1918; m. 1870, Sarah E. Hall, No. 123, dau. John and Lydia Kane Hall of Richfield; b. Newport, N.Y. Aug. 27, 1841; d. Fredonia, Aug. 1921.

Children:

124. Eber M., b. Versailles, N.Y. July 7, 1874; d. Los Angeles, Calif. June 24, 1934; m. Mar. 8, 1908, Parazada, dau. Benj. and Rose Tripp of Marshalltown, Iowa; b. Feb. 22, 1876; living Los Angeles 1936; son James Benjamin, b. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Oct. 28, 1911.
125. Fred W., b. Mar. 12, 1876, Versailles, N.Y.; d. Aug. 26, 1924
126. Helen, b. Feb. 27, 1878; m. Apr. 7, 1906, Emanuel A. Bondison son of John P. and Charlotte Glenn Bondison; b. Chandlers Valley Pa. Mar. 13, 1866; live in Lawrence, Kansas. Children living 1936: Ruth Hall, b. Fredonia, Jan. 1910; m. June 14, 1933, Dr. Jack B. Davis of Kansas City; Helen Elizabeth, b. May 24, 1912; John Peter, b. Mar. 20, 1917.
127. Sarah Pettit, b. Versailles, N.Y. Mar. 11, 1883; graduate State Normal School, Fredonia; B.S. Degree from Columbia University; served during World War on Food Conservation Board; later conducted tea room; taught at Sweet Briar, Va.; organized Home Economics Dept. at Columbia, Mo. In 1928-9 returned to N.Y. City and studied at Columbia University School of Household Arts, receiving her Masters Degree. Holds a position of House Manager of the River Side Church, N.Y. City

James Benjamin Pettit

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(Son of Eber M. No. 124 and Parazada Pettit)

b. Oct. 28, 1911; m. Nov. 28, 1933, Ann Foy, dau. of John and Ann McGozen Foy.

Children:

James Eber, b. Sept. 12, 1934  
 Patricia Ann, b. Dec. 6, 1935





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James Jacob Pettit

(Son of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. May 26, 1804, Hamilton, N.Y.; d. Aug. 5, 1877; m. (1) Sarah Hill No. 128, dau. Eli F. and Hannah Hill; d. May 30, 1863; m. (2) Sarah Eltynge, No. 129, of Kingston, N.Y. Feb. 21, 1872; b. Nov. 6, 1829; d. Kenosha, Wis.

Children:

- 130. Henry W. b. Feb. 8, 1832; d. May 13, 1866, Des Moines; m. (1) Oct. 6, 1857, Emily W. Barlow of Delevan, Wisc. b. 1837; d. Oct. 8, 1894; m. (2) Fanny Thorn Estes, May 20, 1862; d. Jan. 9, 1872, age 30 years
- 131. William W. b. Jan 13, 1835; d. May 31, 1899; m. Laura E. Reynolds, Sept. 20, 1864; d. Jan. 11, 1926
- 132. Frances S. b. Aug. 1, 1836; m. E. Tracy Wells of Denver, Col. Oct. 14, 1857
- 133. Egbert M. b. Oct. 26, 1838; d. Nashville, Tenn. Feb. 7, 1865; unmarried
- 134. James E. b. 1842; d. Feb. 22, 1909; m. Ella A. Stryker, Oct. 11, 1866; d. Sept. 23, 1899

James J. Pettit was educated at Hamilton University and Albany Law School. Began practice at Mexico, N.Y.; then at Pulaski; later for many years was resident of Perry, N.Y. Thence he removed to Kenosha, Wisconsin where he lived 27 years and until his death. He was a learned lawyer, and for some years judge of the county court.

"Widely read, a man of his time with open eye for the questions of the day. He was a temperance and anti-slavery man. He wrote the first petition ever presented in Congress for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. He was by nature uncompromising, a hater of evil and wrong. A Christian, deacon of the Congregational Church, with much of the old Puritanic element in his religious life, but very kind in his relations to neighbors and to the children of his friends."

Egbert M. died as result of service in Civil War.





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Henry W. Pettit

(Son of James J. and Sarah Hill Pettit)

b. Feb. 8, 1832; d. May 13, 1866; m. (1) Oct. 6, 1857 Emily W. Barlow, No. 135, of Delevan, Wis; b. 1837; d. Oct. 8, 1890; she obtained divorce for non-support; m. (2) Fannie Thorn Estes, No. 136, May 20, 1862; d. Jan. 9, 1872, age 30 years; she was of Dubuque, Iowa.

Children of first wife:

137. Hattie, b. about 1858; m. Frank C. Smith of Sprague, Warner Co. Chicago, 1884.

Children of second wife:

138. Eugenia, b. 1863; was twice married and divorced; d. Chicago; no issue  
 139. Lucia, b. about 1865; d. Minneapolis, Minn; m. Eliot Baker; no issue

After their mother's death Eugenia and Lucia respectively about eight and six years old, were received by their grandfather, Judge Jas. J. Pettit and his wife and brought up to earning age.

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William W. Pettit

(Son of James J. and Sarah Hill Pettit)

b. Jan. 13, 1835; d. May 31, 1899; m. Sept. 20, 1864, Laura E. Reynolds, No. 140, b. July 8, 1840; d. Jan. 11, 1926

Children:

141. Frederick R. b. Jan. 23, 1866; d. Feb. 20, 1870  
 142. Henry W. b. Dec. 6, 1867; living 1936; m. Lizzie Ogden, Sept. 16, 1896; d. June 3, 1914  
 143. George P. b. Oct. 15, 1869; living 1936; m. Isabell Kibbie, Oct. 1, 1896  
     Two children: Marion R. b. Feb. 6, 1900; living 1936;  
     m. Goo. Skinner, June 30, 1921; dau. Barbara Jane, b. July 14, 1924  
     William K. b. Dec. 19, 1902; living 1936;  
     m. Jeanette Thompson, Nov. 24, 1926; son, Wm. Theron, b. April 19, 1928, living; Robt. Nathan, b. Nov. 29, 1929, living; Joan Roth, b. June 19, 1931 living  
 144. Edith Sarah b. Dec. 21, 1871; d. Mar. 5, 1926; m. Edward H. Bradley, Mar. 14, 1900; d. Feb. 22, 1903; son, Fredk. P. Bradley, b. Dec. 3, 1901; d. May 28, 1902  
 145. Ruth H. b. Jan. 31, 1875; living 1936; m. Ernest J. Bailey, Sept. 12, 1900; Children: Twins, Kathleen and Angaleen, b. May 21, 1902; Florence E, b. Oct. 22, 1904; m. James Fenien, son Robt. Edward, b. Sept. 5, 1933. All living.





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Frances S. Pettit Wells

(Dau. of James J. and Sarah Hill Pettit)

b. Aug. 1, 1836; d. Denver, Mar. 23, 1909; m. at Kenosha, Wis. Oct. 14, 1857, E. Tracy Wells, No. 146, b. Richland, N.Y. May 15, 1835, d. Denver, April 20, 1923; son of John Howard and Julia Tracy Wells

Children:

147. William Henry, b. Oct. 2, 1858; d. June 15, 1893;  
 m. Elvio Hosea, Dec. 31, 1886, St. Joseph Mo.,  
 dau. Rachel Esther, b. Aug. 26, 1888, m. Chas.  
 Wendell Holmes, Marshall, Mo., Jan. 16, 1909;  
 lived St. Joseph  
 Caroline Tracy, b. 1860; d. infancy
148. Alice Kathleen, b. Mar. 1, 1862; d. Apr. 23, 1912 in  
 California; m. May 23, 18-- , Fred C. Kilham; son  
 Leonard, b. 1888? d. aged 5 years
149. Julia Sarah, b. Apr. 4, 1866; d. Nov. 18, 1903, Chicago;  
 m. Nov. 4, 1889, Robt. Brennan; two children died  
 in infancy

Rachel Wells and Charles Wendell Holmes children:

Rachel Esther, b. May 23, 1911  
 Madge Margaret, b. July 3, 1916

Frances Pettit Wells was a brilliant, vivacious woman, much beloved. Ebenezer Tracy Wells entered the U.S. service in Civil War in Aug. 1862 in the 89th Reg. "He was at once chosen Lieutenant, soon promoted to Captain and placed on Gen. Johnson's staff. He was in all the battles at Murphreesboro and Chattanooga, but escaped without a scratch." Judge Wells was a well known lawyer in Denver. He served for some years as judge of one of the courts in Denver .





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James E. Pettit

(Son of James J. and Sarah Hill Pettit)

b. ---1842, Perry, N.Y; d. Feb. 22, 1909, Oak Park, Ill; m. Oct. 16, 1866,  
Ella A Stryker, No. 150 of Kenosha, Wis., b. 1846; d. 1899.

Children:

- 151. James Stryker, b. 1868; d. Aug. 10, 1890; unmarried
- 152. Alice Sarah, b. May 2, 1869; living 1936, Oak Park, Illinois.
- 153. Harry Eber, b. Jan. 31, 1875; living 1936 Riverside,  
Illinois

James E. Pettit enlisted in the Civil War 1861 as a military telegrapher with First Wis. Reg. Twice re-enlisted. Near close of war he was taken prisoner and was held for nine months at Cahaba, Alabama. In 1865 he was exchanged. He then became chief operator of Western Union Telegraph Co. and served until 1881 when he joined the Mutual Union Telegraph Co. Later became the Postal Telegraph Co. of which he was an officer. For forty years he was Secretary-Treasurer of the U.S. Military Telegraph Corps. He was a member of the Phil. Sheridan Post and the Old Time Telegraphers. He lived most of his later life in Chicago but died in Oak Park, Ill.



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Eleanora Pettit Delvin  
(Dau. of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Fabius, Mar. 12, 1808; d. Dunkirk, Jan 8, 1886; m. Jan. 24 1832, Pompey, James Delvin, No. 154 of William and Mercy Adams Delvin of Utica, N.Y. b. Mar. 6, 1812; d. Indianapolis, Ind. March 2, 1890.

Children:

155. Mercy E. b. Pompey, 1833; d. Indianapolis, Jan. 8, 1901; m. David Sweet, son Graphin and Elizabeth Sweet, b. Cazenovia, 1820; d. Dunkirk, 1884
  156. Lucy, b. Nov. 4, 1835; d. Utica; m. Jas. Bailey
  157. William James, b. 1836; d. Fredonia, Feb. 26, 1897; m. at Fredonia, Mary Low, b. Ireland, 1835, d. Fredonia, Apr. 18, 1903; William served in Civil War, Co. A, 75th Reg. N.Y. Volunteers; enlisted Sept. 25, 1861; discharged for disability Apr. 5, 1864 at New Orleans; adopted dau. Anna Low Delvin; lives N.Y. City and is a designer
  158. Margaret A. b. Dunkirk, 1841; d. Indianapolis 1906; m. William Hull of Clinton, N.Y.
  159. Mary, b. Dunkirk, N.Y. 1842; d. Cleveland, 1896; m. Allen Johnson of Pike, N.Y.
  160. Frances Elizabeth, b. Dunkirk, Jan. 17, 1844; d. Indianapolis, Ind. Mar. 9, 1920; m. Chauncy Watson, b. Albany, Feb. 2, 1849; d. Indianapolis, 1915; a successful railroad and business man
- Sarah died in infancy

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Harriet Pettit Handy  
(Dau. of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Fabius, N.Y. Apr. 6, 1810; d. Fredonia, Sept. 1878; m. Fredonia. June 6, 1846, Harley H. Handy, No. 161, son Obin and Polly Cosset Handy of Cassadaga, N.Y. b. Pompey, May 17, 1813; d. Fredonia, 1896. Harriet lived with and cared for her parents. Kept the old home after they died and all the children and grandchildren were welcome. As many as were able gathered there for Thanksgiving. An old record tells of the first of such home comings in 1839 after the parents came to Fredonia to make a new home. In 1839 and the early 40s, Dr. Pettit, Harriet and brother Melancton started raising silk. Harriet reeled the silk from the cocoons and dyed it. Some was made into sewing silk, some was combined with wool and woven in cloth. Grandmother knitted many pairs of stockings. The venture was not a success as machinery was hard to run with the power then available. Also the government bounty was discontinued.





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William Harrison Pettit

(Son of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Fabius, N.Y. Sept. 12, 1813; accidentally killed in Washington D. C. Oct. 26, 1865; m. Apr. 28, 1842, Perry, N.Y. Hannah H. Barlow, No. 162, dau. of Nemiah and Orinda Steel Barlow of Delevan, Wis. b. Windham, N.Y. Nov. 23, 1811; d. Elkhorn, Wis. Nov. 8, 1907

Children:

- 163. Lucy Orinda, b. Perry, N.Y. Feb. 2, 1843; d. Newell, Iowa, Dec. 30, 1928; m. Elkhorn, Wis. Oct. 4, 1869, Edward Moorhouse; d. May 27, 1903 at Newell; buried Elkhorn, Wis.
- 164. Clarrissa Agnes, b. Delevan, Apr. 27, 1845; d. Elkhorn, Wis. June 3, 1918
- 165. William Barlow, b. Elkhorn, Wis. 1849; d. 1852
- 166. Mary Eleanora, b. Elkhorn, Sept. 23, 1849; d. Wiona, Mich. May 16, 1915; m. F. N. Lull, Elkhorn, Nov. 29, 1887

William Harrison Pettit was a lawyer, admitted to practice Supreme Court 1839. Resided in Elkhorn, Wis. and during Civil War was employed in General Land Office, Washington, D.C.





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Melancton Smith Pettit (2)

(Youngest son of James and Lucy Felt Pettit)

b. Pompey, N.Y. May 26, 1818; d. Fredonia, Apr. 25, 1878; m. Fredonia Feb. 25, 1847, Sarah Hancox, No. 167, dau. Amos and Mary Hamilton Hancox of Titusville, Pa. b. there May 1, 1825; d. Fredonia, N.Y. July 22, 1886.

Children:

- 168. Mary Hamilton, b. Fredonia, N.Y. Jan. 22, 1848;  
d. Apr. 25, 1923
- 169. James, b. July 19, 1850; d. July 31, 1852
- 170. William Hugh, b. Titusville, Pa. Nov. 4, 1852;  
m. Dunkirk, N.Y. Oct. 6, 1881, Amalia S.  
Kricheldorff, dau. of Henry and Charlotte  
Hartel Kricheldorff, b. Sept. 27, 1858
- 171. Lucy Felt, b. Fredonia, Dec. 1, 1854; d. Fredonia,  
May 30, 1877; m. May 10, 1875, Frederick  
W. Case, son of Worden and Mary Hubbard Case;  
b. in Catteraugus Co. N.Y. July 6, 1857;  
d. Fredonia, Aug. 2, 1927, son Jesse Melancton  
b. Aug. 6, 1876; d. Apr. 4, 1929; m. Dec. 4, 1901  
Irma I. Frost, dau. Clara and Edwin Frost of  
Fredonia
- 172. Helen Barker, b. 1858; d. 1860
- 173. Helen Jane, b. 1861; d. 1862
- 174. Harriet Elenora, b. 1863; d. 1865
- 175. Frank Edward, b. 1865; d. 1868
- 176. Rose Agnes, b. Oct. 16, 1870; living 1936; m. Fre-  
donia, Dec. 25, 1894, Emory Palmer Crandall,  
the son of James and Ruth Merchant Crandall of  
Hartfield Chautauqua Co. b. Hartfield, Aug. 5,  
1875; d. Fredonia, Mar. 27, 1934

Children:

William James, b. July 26, 1896; d.  
July 27, 1896 Charlotte Adele, b.  
Apr. 1, 1903; living 1936

Melancton Pettit was a lover of nature; made an intensive study of Botany. In 1829 he taught Botany and Chemistry at Adams, N.Y. He was also an engraver and made stamps for woodcuts and stencils.





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William Hugh Pettit  
(Son of Melancton S. and Sarah Hancox Pettit)

b. Nov. 4, 1852, Titusville, Pa.; m. Oct. 6, 1881, Amalia S. Kricheldorff, No. 177, dau. Henry and Charlotte Hartel Kricheldorff of Dunkirk, N.Y. b. there Sept. 27, 1858

Children:

178. Walter William, b. Aug. 9, 1882, Fredonia

179. Charlotte Amanda, b. Mar. 23, 1884; m. Jan. 1, 1912

Leon J. Marsh, son of Earl and Hattie Parish

Marsh of Portville, N.Y. live in Buffalo

Child: Walter J. Marsh, b. Olean, N.Y. July 27,

1913; m. Apr. 1936, Mary Elizabeth Davis,

Fredonia

180. Lucy Elenora, b. Feb. 23, 1893, Fredonia; d. June

11, 1919; m. Aug. 28, 1918 Wm. Le Fover Younkin of

Tuscon, Ariz. Child: Margaret Pettit Younkin, b.

June 4, 1919. Living Lincoln, Neb.

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Walter William Pettit  
(Son of William Hugh and Amalia K. Pettit)

b. Fredonia, N.Y. Aug. 9, 1882; living 1936; m. Aug. 30, 1920, Katherine Fowler, No. 181, dau. of Everett and Anna S. Fowler of Haverstraw, N.Y. b. Oct. 6, 1882

Children:

182. Walter Fowler, b. Sept. 24, 1921, New York City

183. Katharine, b. Nov. 27, 1922, New York City

Walter Wm. Pettit graduated State Normal school June 1901 and in July sailed on U.S. Transport to Philippines where he was teacher and high school principal for eight years. Returned and entered Columbia University Teachers College N.Y. City, receiving B.S. degree in 1911, A.M. 1912 and Ph. D. in 1918. Principal elementary Tech. school, Evanston, Ill. 1911-13; Field Sec. Playground and Recreation Association of America in 1913-14. In 1916-17 was special Asst. American Embassy at Petrograd, Russia and engaged in relief work among German and Austrian prisoners on lower Volga. In 1918-19 was commissioned Capt. in Military Intelligence Div'sn U.S. Army; was attached to American Commission for negotiating peace at Paris in the Russian Div'sn, and was sent by Col. House and President Wilson in late winter 1918-19 to Petrograd to secure first hand information regarding situation in Soviet Republic. Since return to U.S. he has been connected with New York School of Social Work in charge of Community organization work and is Ass't Director of the School.





ADDENDA

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Mary Pettit Crocker

(Dau. of John (6) and Hannah Dunham Pettit)

b. Jan. 1, 1749, Sharon, Conn; m. about 1774, Andrew Crocker,  
b. Oct. 14, 1750, Coventry, Conn; son of Andrew Crocker, nephew  
of Oliver Crocker of Sharon. Moved to New York state, then to  
Vermont and in 1789 settled at Clarendon, Vt. where he died 1797-  
1800, when his widow was registered with her three younger  
children.

Children:

- I. Andrew, b. near Rutland, Vt. Sept. 2, 1775,  
m. Anna, dau. Thomas and Anne Rawson Leland.  
Moved to Schroon Lake and later to Chester-  
town, and Canandaigua, N.Y. In 1817 settled  
at Sardinia, N.Y. where he died Mar. 30,  
1848. Had 16 children.
- II. Clarissa, b. Feb. 20, 1778, d. Feb. 19, 1865.
- III. Samuel, b. May 6, 1780. Recorded at Rutland.
- IV. James, b. Apr. 2, 1782 in a fort near Rutland;  
m. Margaret Leland, 1801. Moved to She-  
boygan, Wis. where he died in 1877. Had  
11 children.
- V. A daughter, name unknown, recorded in 1790  
census.
- VI. Jesso, b. Jan. 6, 1789; was soldier from Ver-  
mont in War 1812.
- VII. Patty, b. June 14, 1791, Clarendon, Vt.
- VIII. Abigail, b. Apr. 25, 1793, Clarendon, Vt.





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Mercy E. Delvin Sweet

(Dau. of James and Elenora Pettit Delvin)

b. Pompey, N.Y. 1833; d. in Indianapolis, Ind. Jan. 8, 1901; m. David Sweet, son of Graphin and Elizabeth, b. in Cazenovia, N.Y. 1820; d. Dunkirk, N.Y. 1884.

Children of David and Mercy Sweet:

1. Lucy E., b. Fredonia, N.Y. 1852; d. Indianapolis, 1907
2. Frank Delvin, b. Fredonia, 1854; d. Dunkirk, 1920; m. Catherine Graham, Fredonia, 1878, b. July 4, 1864; d. 1933

Children of Frank and Catherine Sweet:

- I. David J. b. Apr. 27, 1879; m. Ella Pederson; their children: Frank Delvin, b. Apr. 15, 1902  
Helen Agatha, b. Jan. 4, 1906  
Katheryne Lenore, b. Jan. 4, 1906
- II. Catherine, b. Aug. 3, 1881; m. John L. Centner, Apr. 25, 1900; dau. Eleanora Marion Centner b. June 24, 1904; m. May 15, 1920 Everett Ruch, b. May 11, 1902; child, Jack Everett Ruch, b. May 5, 1933
- III. Mercy, b. Dunkirk, Apr. 28, 1883; m. Walter Thomas McGraw, Sept. 1905  
their children: Marcelline McGraw, b. Mar. 22, 1912  
Robert Sweet McGraw, b. Feb. 17, 1917
- IV. Frank Delvin (2) b. Feb. 17, 1885; m. Grace Mount  
their children: Lorraine Delvin  
Howard Sweet  
Live in Willows, Calif.
3. Hiram Bingham, b. July 11, 1856; d. Chattanooga, Tenn. July 23, 1923; m. Mary Rusch, Dunkirk, N.Y. d. ---  
their children:  
Eleanora Eurette, b. May 23, 1883  
Elizabeth Havens, b. July 18, 1884  
Phillip Hiram, b. June 18, 1886  
Jerome Cronyn, b. June 4, 1888  
Madge, b. Oct. 1, 1891  
Gretchen, b. Dec. 31, 1893; d. Oct. 1898  
David Rusch, b. May 14, 1897; d. Nov. 11, 1935



Morcy E. Dolvin Sweet Cont.

4. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 31, 1861; d. Dec. 8, 1884 in Stockton, N.Y.; m. Julius Pickett, Stockton
5. Frederick Pettit, b. June 2, 1865; d. Feb. 27, 1936, Chattanooga, Tenn; m. Zula Ammon Patterson, Feb. 1, 1909, dau. Dewitt and Margaret Patterson of Chattanooga, b. 1874, Bell Buckle, Tenn; d. 1931
6. Frances E. b. Fredonia, Jan. 28, 1869; m. Eli Blake Hull; live in Indianapolis, Ind; Mrs. Hull was a successful teacher; Mr. Hull, a railroad man, now retired.





GENERATIONS

7. James Pettit

8. Samantha

William H. Charles  
m.  
H. Barlow

9. Helen E.

Christa A. Mary E. Mary H.  
m.  
F.N. Lull

10. Eber M.

Frederick Henry E.

William

m.

Zada Tripp

m.

Katherine

11. James Benj.

m.

Ann Foy

Walter Fow

12. James Eber  
Patricia Ann





# Dr. James Pettit's Descendants in the Male Lines

## GENERATIONS

7. James Pettit m. Lucy Felt

8. Samantha Sophronia Eber M.

Euretta Sweet

James Jacob

Sarah Hill

Eleanora

Harriet

William H.

Charles

Melancton Smith

Sarah Hancox

9. Helen E. James M. Frederick W. Henry W.

Sarah Hall

Emily Barlow

William W.

Laura Reynolds

Francis S.

Egbert

James E.

Lucy O. Clarissa A. Mary E.

F.N. Lull

Mary H.

William Hugh

Lucy F.

Rose Agnes

Amelia Kricheldorf

Fredk. Case

Emry Grandall

10. Eber M. Fred W. Helen Sarah

Zada Tripp

E.A. Bondisson

Hattie

Henry W.

George B.

Edith S.

Ruth H.

F.C. Smith

Lizzie Ogden

Isabelle Kibbie

Edw. Bradley

Ernest Bailey

William H.

Alice K.

Julia S.

Alice S.

Henry E.

Elvie Hosea

F.C. Kilham

Robt. Brennan

William Walter

Charlotte

Lucy E.

Jesse M.

Charlotte A.

Katherine Fowler

Leon J. Marsh

W. LeFever Younkin

11. James Benj.

Ruth Hall

Helen

Ann Foy

Dr. J.B. Davis

Marion R.

William K.

Fredk. P.

Kathleen

Angaleen

Florence

George Skinner

Jeanette Thompson

James Fenien

Rachel Esther

Chas. Wendell Holmes

Walter Fowler

Katharine

Walter J.

Margaret Pettit

Mary E. Davis

12. James Eber

Patricia Ann

Barbara Jane

Wm. Theron

Joan Roth

Robt. Nathan

Robert Edward



JOHN PETTIT I  
AND SOME OF HIS DESCENDANTS  
IN THE DIRECT LINE

DIVISION II  
SHARON TO NEW YORK STATE AND WESTWARD

BRANCH II  
GEORGE PETTIT'S LINE  
FABIUS N.Y.





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George Pettit

(Third son of Jonathan (4) and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. Jan. 13, 1780 at Albany N.Y.; m. (1) Jan. 18, 1804, Elizabeth Sweetland, No. 184, dau. of Eleazer and Elizabeth Goold Sweetland, b. Nov. 19, 1784 at Millington, Conn. d. May 4, 1811; m. (2) Nov. 16, 1812, at Fabius, N.Y. Jane Upfold, No. 185, b. Shalford, England, Oct. 18, 1794, d. Apr. 2, 1828; m. (3) at Oxford, N.Y. Feb. 15, 1829, Sally Wooster Boothe, No. 186, widow of Anson Boothe; she had five Boothe children; she died, Sept. 27, 1860, aged 73 years; m. (4) when 85 years of age, Anne Riese Miller, No. 187, a widow, of Fabius, Oct. 16, 1864; he died Aug. 9, 1866.

Children of first wife:

- 188. Elizabeth Goold, b. Sherburne, Nov. 14, 1804; d. Aug. 23, 1805
- 189. George Clinton, b. Fabius, Aug. 9, 1807; m. (1) Harriet Benedict; m. (2) Harriet Sponcor; d. Enterprise, Penn, 1882
- 190. Albert Gallatin, b. Aug. 30, 1809, Fabius; d. Dec. 24, 1810

Children of second wife:

- 191. Elizabeth Jane, b. Oct. 13, 1814; m. Jan. 17, 1833, Elbridge Gerry Benedict; no issue
- 192. Jonathan Edmund, b. Sept. 15, 1816; m. Lucia Peck of Truxton, Oct. 4, 1840
- 193. Harriet Emmaline, b. May 26, 1818; m. Rev. Wm. Corbin, May 31, 1839; they lived at Logansport, Ind.; she d. Oct. 2, 1841; he d. Nov. 28, 1841; their son Henry Corbin was adopted by Jonathan and Lucia Pettit
- 194. John Upfold Pettit, b. Fabius, Sept. 11, 1820; m. Julia Brenton of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; d. Wabash, Ind. Mar. 21, 1882
- 195. A still born son Jan. 28, 1822
- 196. Mary Ann, b. Jan. 9, 1823; m. Dr. Lorenzo Heffron, June 28, 1841; son Dr. John Heffron d. 1926
- 197. Milton Howard Pettit, b. Oct. 22, 1825; m. Caroline Diana Marsh, Mar. 25, 1847; d. Mar. 23, 1873
- 198. Ossian Columbus, b. Dec. 24, 1827; d. May 14, 1829





Child of third wife:

199. Ossian Columbus (2), b. Dec. 17, 1829; d. at Wabash, Ind. Aug. 17, 1852; unmarried; a graduate of Union College, 1850 a brilliant student, was admitted to the N.Y. Bar at Buffalo, Apr. 1852; a splendid character; his fraternity brothers erected a monument in token of their appreciation and affection

Children of Sally Wooster and Anson Boothe, step-children of George Pettit lived as part of his family, members of which have said there never was a more harmonious household.

200. Willis A. Boothe, b. 1806, Derby, Conn; m. Mary Ann Pusey, dau. Nathan Pusey and Mary Ann Marsh; lived in Pittsburgh; died Nov. 13, 1889, aged 83 years  
201. Louisa Boothe, b. about 1808; m. W. Baldwin; lived in Chicago  
202. Julia Ann Boothe, b. about 1810; m. John R. Dickinson, Jan. 13, 1831; lived Binghamton, N.Y. and Washington, D.C. died Jan. 22, 1882 (?) aged 72 years; daughter Louise, m. P. L. Sherman of Chicago  
203. Almyra Boothe, b. about 1812; d. about 1879 aged 67 years; m. James H. Woodworth of Chicago, d. about 1865; both were prominent and influential in Chicago's political and social life; she died Washington D.C. while visiting her sister

Her children:

1. Virginia, m. Teunis Van Wyck; her dau.  
Almyra, m. Henry Pope
  2. James A.
  3. Sally L.R. m. --- Leslie
204. Lucius Anson, b. Fabius; went overland across Mexico and by sailing boat to San Francisco; arrived July 7, 1849 (See letter attached); lived in Sacramento some years whence he went east to attend his mother's funeral Sept. 1860; m. ---? Children: 1. Minnie, m. Chas. Phelps; 2. Luita, m. Lieut. Sherman, U.S. Navy, Hongkong, Nov. 24, ----  
(Letter written his stepfather George Pettit herewith)

George Pettit was a prominent man in his time and State. He gave military service at Sacket's Harbor during the war of 1812-15; he was member of New York General Assembly for several terms between 1821 and 1837. Afterward was an Associate Judge of Common Pleas Court appointed by the Governor.

After his first marriage he located on a farm of 1000 acres adjoining Fabius, Onondaga Co. N.Y. where he lived for 62 years and where he died.







The HON. GEORGE PETTIT  
of Fabius, N.Y.

1780 - 1866



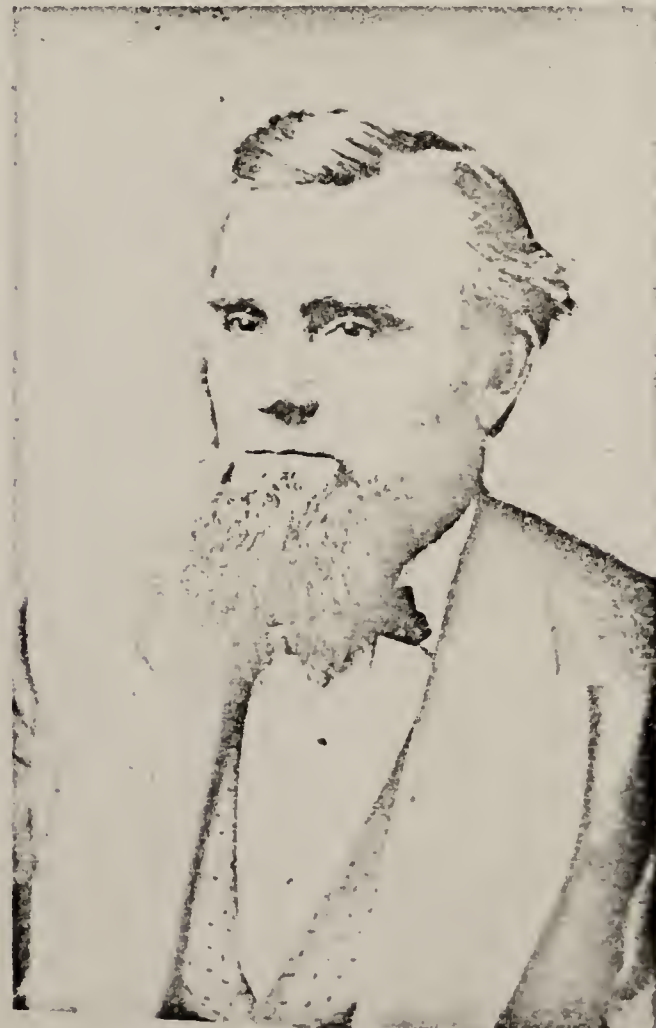
OSSIAN COLUMBUS PETTIT, A.B.

The first "Ott" Pettit  
From a locket given by John U. Pettit to  
his sister Mary A. Pettit Heffron  
abt. 1855.



The HON. JOHN U. PETTIT, LL.S.

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MILTON HOWARD PETTIT (I)  
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Interesting Letter from California.

FABRIS, Sept. 20, 1849.

FRIEND A—:—

DEAR SIR:—As you have so readily entertained your readers, and none more than myself, with communications from adventurers to California, I send a copy of one just received from a member of my family, written off-hand by him, and doubtless, without the least idea of its publication.

If however, you deem it worthy of a place in your valuable paper, please give it an insertion.

Yours, &c., Truly, G. P.

( SAN FRANCISCO, ALTA CAL'IA )  
July 14th, 1849.

" MY VERY DEAR MOTHER, AND RESPECTED FATHER:—The kind epistles written by you on the 23th February, 1849, and directed to me at Terrehaute, were forwarded to me at this place, and duly received. I need not tell you how joyful I felt, at getting a letter directed by Father's familiar hand, in this distant land. \* \* \*

Since leaving home, I have written to you from New-Orleans, Vera Cruz, Mexico, and Guadalajara, all of which I hope you, in due time received; if so, you could keep the run of me very well. I wrote also, from Tepic, to Almyra, and Mazatlan to Julia.

Recapitulating a little:—My passage across all Mexico was performed on horseback, in perfect safety, without any accident, and in good health. I am to-day, in stronger health, than when I left home, and have only been sick on the vessels—all owing to the sea, or motion of the ship. We left Vera Cruz the 15th April, and sailed from San Blas, on the Pacific, the first of June—making 45 days on the road, including stops of four days in Mexico, one in Queretaro, one in Guadalajara, four in Tepic, and two in San Blas. So you see, we took rest and observation at all the principal cities, and made ourselves, generally comfortable.

Beyond (this side) Mexico, we were in the dry season and the roads, except the mountains and Barancas, splendid. The country is nearly all plains and prairies, and destitute of timber. The tropical fruits every where abound. I often wished to share with you in their profusion. We sailed from San Blas in the American schooner "Swallow," a Baltimore clipper, though navigated by Mexicans and Spaniards. We sailed up to Mazatlan for supplies, and lay there four days, sailing thence on the 6th June. From that point we were out thirty-one days, and arrived in this magnificent harbor on the 7th July, at dark, and the first thing we did when the anchor was down, was to give three tremendous cheers. We had 63 passengers, and we were glad to come to land, and that American land—and the point too, that I had for more than four months been striving to attain.





## Letter from a "San Francisco 49er"

Lucius Booth to his stepfather

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The truth is, we lived rather hard on the little schooner, and had head-winds nearly all the way, (the wind at this season always blows the same way) and for two reasons, we were steerage passengers. First, the fare was \$80—in cabin \$190. Second, the cabin could only hold six, while on the deck you could stand up almost any where, or lie down, whenever the booms and ropes would let you—and then you could study astronomy all night, whenever you did not sleep—but I acknowledge that I generally got my usual allowance of good hard sleep. The vessel fed us (board is not the word,) twice a day. The Mexicans eat but twice a day.

We had but two articles at any one meal, except salt meat and Mexican hard bread. But lest I consume too much space on a small matter, but which there seemed (from a love of good living learned from my mother and aunt. Good mothers don't raise your children too tenderly,) a big one.—I will give one day's life, on the Mexican schooner "Swallow," though fraudulently sailing under American colors—four bells—six o'clock, wash down decks, and all the passengers in reach of the water, turn out and roll up your blankets; put your shoes and hat on; rub your eyes in a little salt water, and go to the galley at the signal, with your tin cup, and get one third pint of warmed water, called tea, and as much Mexican home-made sugar as you dare or can, (to be used as afterwards)—louge till nine o'clock, if the cook's fire was good—if not, ten—discuss the wind and weather the previous night, and the probable sailing of the ship—watch the clouds, and wish the wind would change to the west or to the east—any where but to the north; at the signal again, take your tin plate, knife and fork, (which of course the passenger provides for himself), and at the galley, the cook will give you boiled pork, beef, and boiled rice—the bread and the salt you can get at any time; with the rice, use the aforesaid surplus sugar, which you were smart enough to wheedle the cook out of, then set in the shade of a sail; at 12, the captain gets the latitude, about which much interest is manifested by "persons of all parties," as the newspapers would say; he also tells us the longitude, and we find that we are gaining very slowly; at 4 o'clock is dinner; we now get boiled jerked beef, and boiled beans with the hard bread and salt, as usual. At 6 o'clock, P. M., is coffee, in manner and form as tea aforesaid. At sundown discuss the weather in groups, prognosticate for to-morrow; talk of home; expectations in California, and sing songs till bed-time, and gradually disperse to our quarters, to watch the stars till sleep comes. We had two or three delightful singers, and men of refinement and taste; their songs would have pleased even a quaker; and while I think of it, let me tell you one thing which will please you better than all, that is in regard to my travelling companions.

You are aware, that at New-Orleans, I became separated from my Terrehaute friends, (they coming in advance via Matamoros, Matillo, and Mazatlan,) at that place I fell in with a body of men, and have travelled with them thus far, and shall continue with them to the mines, whose superiors as a body, you can hardly find.

One is a licensed Methodist clergyman, of Ohio—four members of the Episcopal Church; one member of the Baptist Church, of Pennsylvania; two Presbyterians; two Physicians; one a full surgeon from Virginia, during the war with

Mexico, a gentleman and scholar; several lawyers, merchants, mechanics; and among whom I have found several sterling friends, and who will belong friends, as long as we stay in California, and all of them (with two or three exceptions, whom we hustled out of the party,) gentlemen of standing and respectability. My companions from Terrehaute have been here six weeks—they are up at the mines, but I don't know what they have made; other folks are getting about an ounce a day, and I presume they are doing as well. I intend starting up to Sacramento city, near which they are, to-morrow in a schooner, to see them, and learn what they are doing. I do not expect to work in the mines. Capital here is entirely at the mercy of labor. I could now, if I had the time, and you the patience, father, tell you of facts and occurrences here, that I do know, which would stagger your faith in my veracity, or my sanity; and if I begin, I don't know where to stop, but first, let me tell you where I am.

We are camped in tents on the hill-side, on the grass over-looking the harbor and town. There are one hundred and twenty-five vessels at anchor, and the population, I estimate at 10,000; one-fourth on ship-board, one-fourth in houses, and one-half in tents or frames, covered with factory muslin. The lowest kind of labor gets \$3 per day. Carpenters get \$14 to \$16; blacksmiths \$20; clerks \$10; and so on.

Vacant lots, for stores of fifteen front, rent at \$150 per month; the same for a one-story house—for stores, \$400 to \$550 per month. One nice corner room, rents for an exchange office and banking-house, at \$100 per day. I saw "to let," on a store-room yesterday—large store, two stories high—the rent demanded, is \$30,000 per annum, payable quarterly in advance. The Parker House (hotel) rents for \$95,000 per annum; board and lodging at 27 dollars per week; shaving is 1 dollar; a pie costs 50c; cup of coffee, 25c; fresh beef is good at 12½c, to 18c per lb.; bread is 25c per loaf; butter, \$1.50 per lb.; dried apples, 16c per lb.; lard, 75c; flour per barrel, \$12 to 16 dollars, (per lb. 12½c); sugar and coffee, each, 18c; hams, 35c per lb.; pork per barrel, 25 dollars. At the mines, on the middle fork, American River, these were the prices at the last dates, per lb.: Pork, 2 dollars; flour, 1 dollar; Rice, 1 dollar; Potatoes, 2 dollars; Sugar, 1 dollar; Coffee, 2 dollars; Tea, 2 dollars; Beans, 1 dollar; dried Apples, 2 dollars, 25c; Raisins, 2 dollars; fresh Beef, 1 dollar; and plenty of them, at these prices. Washing here, 6 dollars per dozen. Our goods will not be here for several weeks, but I expect to go into business on the capital my company has earned, right away; in fact, I am going to take some goods up the river now, and see what is wanted. We can buy at auction here every thing, and generally cheap, and half the ships from the States have not arrived. I have not taken a dose of medicine since I left Terrehaute; and if I keep as good health as I have now, (and I shall try,) and it is a healthy climate, I can do well. Every thing is orderly here and quiet; property lies about the streets unwatched and unmolested. There is a nice Baptist Church, and I believe the first Protestant church in California, now in progress of erection at San Francisco: it will be ready to occupy in two weeks. They are for carrying 200 men to work on it, 14 dollars per month, and I intend to go. The steamer is in, but I cannot get my letters yet. Accept my best love, and give my love to all.

Lucius.

P. S. I wish brother John was here with me, for lawyers get 200 dollars for drawing a Deed.

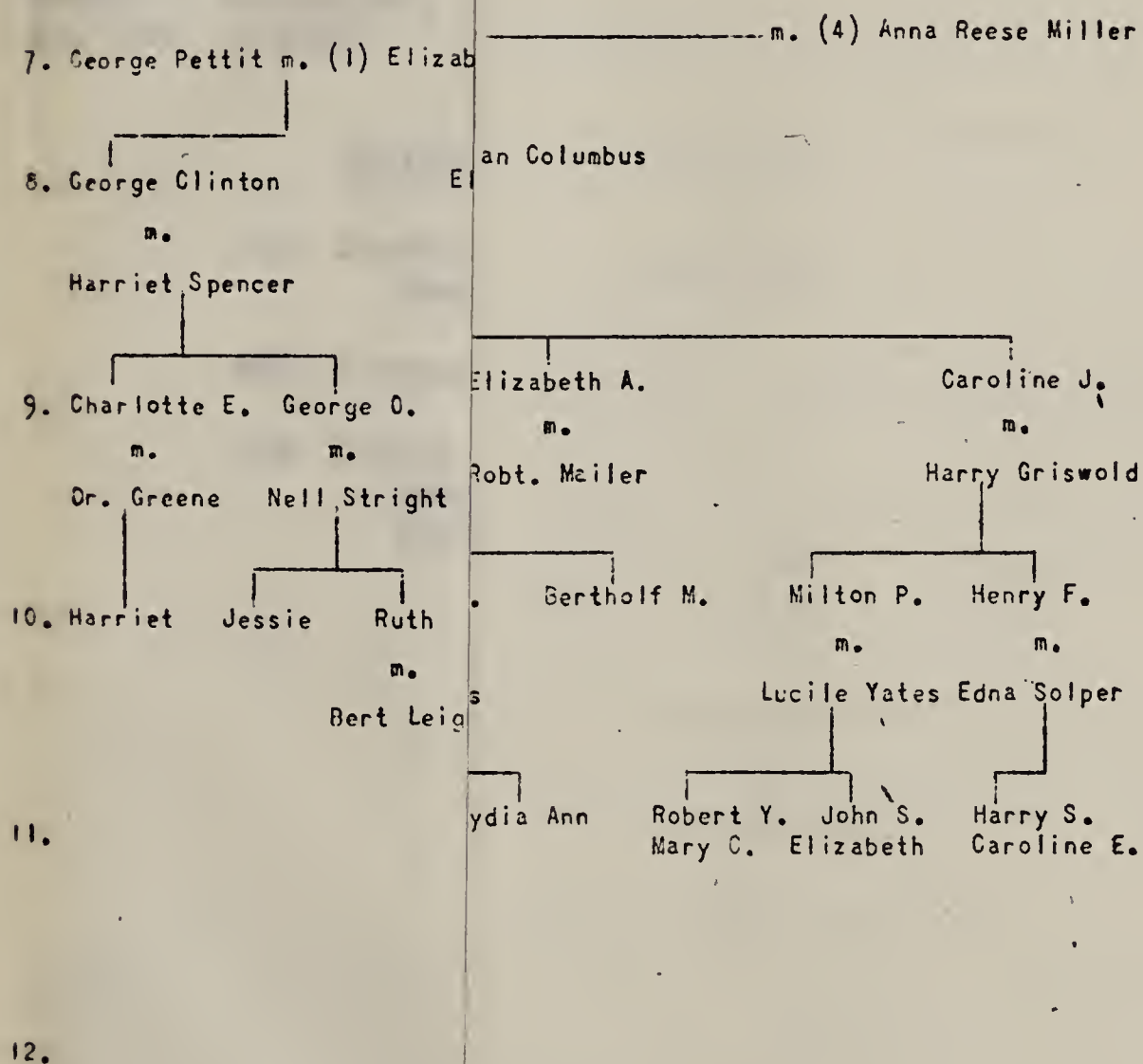




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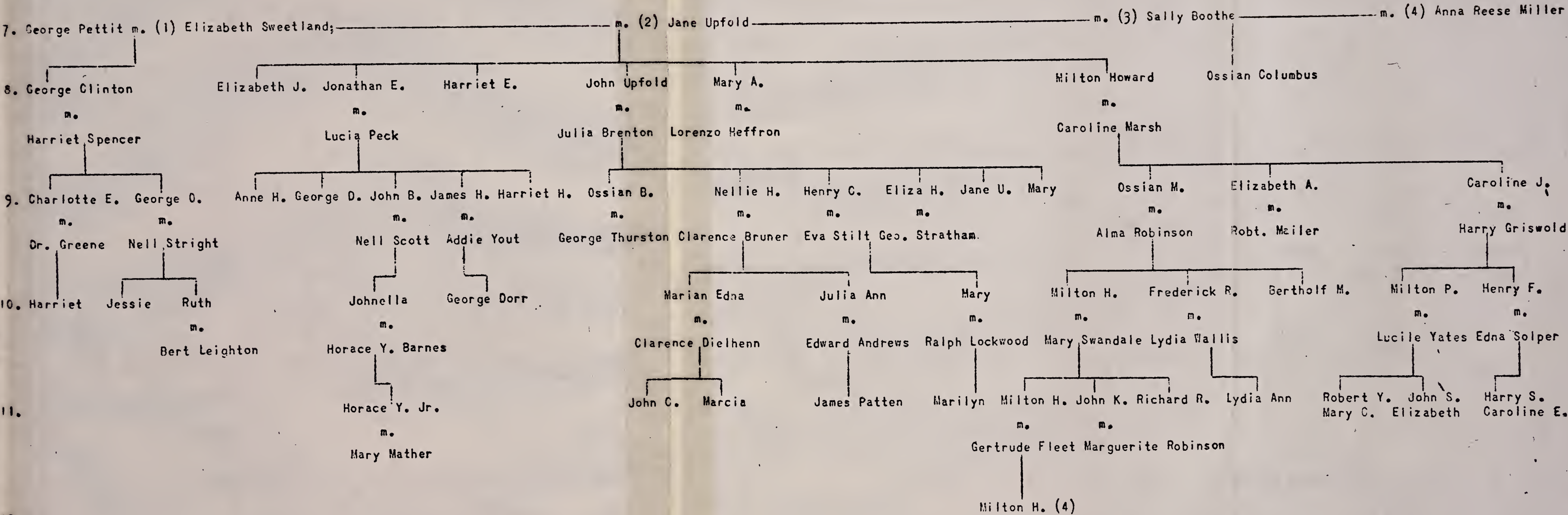






George Pettit's Descendants in the Male Lines

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George Clinton Pettit

(Oldest son of George and Elizabeth Sweetland Pettit)

b. Fabius, Aug. 9, 1807; m. (1) Harriet Benedict, No. 205, Oct. 28, 1828; d. Enterprise, Penn., 1830; m. (2) her cousin Harriet Spencer, No. 206, in 1836.

Children:

207. Charlotte E. m. Dr. Greene; oldest dau. Harriet died June 26, 1880, age 20 years and 6 months.

208. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 12, 1850; d. Nov. 24, 1853.

209. George Ossian, b. 1854, Enterprise, Pa.; d. in Pittsburgh, Pa. June 27, 1931; m. Nell Stright of Pittsfield, Pa.; m. (2) E.S. Pottit

Children by 1st marriage:

Jessie

Ruth (or Maud); m. Bert  
Leighton. Livo Lancaster, Pa.



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Jonathan Edmund Pettit

(First son of George and Jane Upfold Pettit)

b. Fabius, N.Y. Sept. 15, 1816; m. Lucia Peck, No. 210 at Truxton, N.Y. Oct. 4, 1840; she d. Dec. 31, 1875

Children:

- 211. Ann H. b. Logansport, Ind. July 29, 1841; m. Sept. 5, 1867, Dr. E. C. Spaulding; d. Nov. 3, 1871, no issue
- 212. George Dorr, b. Fabius, Sept. 22, 1844; d. Aug. 12, 1872, unmarried
- 213. John B. b. July 19, 1848; m. Nell Scott of Toledo, Ohio, June 21, 1882; d. Thomasville, Ga. Apr. 11, 1884; dau. Johnella, b. Kenosha, June, 1883, m. (1) Horace Y. Barnes; m. (2) John Taylor
- 214. James H. b. Feb. 6, 1851; m. Dec. 4, 1876 in Racine, Wis. Addie A. Yout; d. Waseca, Minn. Mar. 7, 1881; son George Dorr, b. about 1878; m. and lived in Chicago
- 215. Harriet E. b. Aug. 5, 1853; m. in Kenosha, Wis. Dec. 21, 1881, Marcus L. Pennoyor of Little Falls, N.Y. She d. Nov. 10, 1883; he d. Sept. 10, 1893
- 216. Fred Lorenzo, b. Oct. 18, 1856; d. June 10, 1866
- 217. Henry Pettit Corbin, his nephew, was adopted after his mother's death when 9 months old; son of Harriet E. Pettit and Rev. Wm. Corbin of Logansport, Ind. b. Jan. 24, 1841; was killed June 13, 1863 at battle of Port Hudson in Civil War.

Jonathan E. Pettit first settled in Logansport, Ind. but after three or four years at the urgent request of his father George Pettit, he returned to Fabius to take charge of the farm as his father wished to withdraw from its active care. After some years he moved to Breckenridge, Minn. where he died at an advanced age, having outlived all his children.

One grandchild, daughter of John B. Pettit living in 1936.

Another, George Dorr Pettit, son of James H. Pettit, living in Chicago in 1934.





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John B. Pettit

(Son of Jonathan Edmund and Lucia Peck Pettit)

b. July 19, 1848; d. Apr. 11, 1884; m. Nell Scott, No. 218 at Toledo, Ohio, June 21, 1882, dau. Chas. I. and Clarrissa Scott. Lived in Kenosha, Wis.

Children:

219. Johnella, b. Kenosha, Wis. June 3, 1883  
m. (1) Horace Y. Parnes, Feb. 22, 1908  
d. Dec. 29, 1921; one son, Horace Jr.  
b. Nov. 11, 1911; m. Mary Mather, Apr. 2, 1932.  
m. (2) John Taylor. Living Toledo, 1936





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John Upfold Pettit

(Son of George and Jane Upfold Pettit)

b. Fabius, N.Y. Sept. 11, 1820; m. Nov. 25, 1858, Julia Brenton, No. 220, dau. of Samuel Brenton of Ft. Wayne, Ind; He was educated in Hamilton Academy and Union College. He studied law in Logansport, Ind. and in 1840 established himself at Wabash, Ind. He died Mar. 21, 1881.

Children:

- 221. Ossian Brenton, b. Aug. 25, 1859; m. Apr. 11, 1889 Georgia Thurston; d. Mar. 25, 1931
- 222. Nellie Holmes, b. Apr. 15, 1861; m. Clarence Irving Bruner, Mar. 1, 1883
- 223. Henry Corbin, b. 1863; m. Eva Stilt of Wabash, Oct. 3, 1888
- 224. Eliza H. (called Aymez), b. Nov. 9, 1865, Wabash; m. Geo. K. Statham, Oct. 28, 1891; d. Jan. 10, 1898, buried Bath, N.Y.
- 225. Jane Upfold, b. Wabash; d. 1896
- 226. Mary H. b. 1872; m. (1) Lynn Daugherty, died m. (2) Albert Kussner, died June 1930

While still under 24 years of age, John U. Pettit's qualifications and the general tenor of his life had so won the esteem of the people of his district, that they elected him in 1844 to the Indiana House of Representatives. In 1850 he was appointed U.S. Consul at Maraham, Brazil with supervision of the other consulates in the Northern District of Brazil. He returned home in 1852. In 1853, Gov. Wright appointed him Judge of the Eighth Dist. Court. Having resigned in 1854, he was elected Representative to Congress and occupied that position during the 34th, 35th, and 36th Sessions at Washington D. C. In 1862, he was engaged actively in recruiting soldiers for the war, mustered 3500 in three weeks. His health did not permit active service in the army. In 1864 Judge Pettit was again elected to the Legislature and chosen Speaker of the House. He sustained his high reputation and earned additional fame as one of the most polished presiding officers in the West. From 1867 to 1868 he was Professor of Law at University of Indiana. In 1872 he was again appointed Judge of the Circuit Court. His term expiring in 1879, he sought retirement from public life. At the time of his death he had just been appointed Paymaster, by the government to disburse the principal due the Miami Indians. Mentally, he was a giant. Physically, he was very frail for 30 years, but he never gave up. A ripe scholar, a great reader; in the law, no man in Indiana had a more comprehensive knowledge. The Judge was greatly beloved by his family and a wide circle of friends. "The foremost man of Wabash Co. and her most honored citizen."





( TITLE )

Letter from John Upfold Pettit

when Consul to Brazil

to his brother, Milton Howard Pettit

St. Luis do Maranhão, Brazil,  
Aug. 15th, 1834.

Dear Brother Howard,

I have written you so recently, that I am really ashamed to address you again so soon. But I leave at 11 A.M. tomorrow, for the purpose of ascending the Itahacaris, a river of which you have probably never heard, some four or five hundred miles, to the city of Coxias, having some twenty thousand inhabitants and within my consulate. I shall be absent some two months, and you are therefore to regulate your expectations of letters accordingly. My companion is a young Brazilian, just returned from Albany, where he has been studying, and whose friends reside in the interior, on which for a while, I shall be quartered. Jaguars, black tigers, oncas, <sup>monkeys</sup> and bear contrivances are in my mind now. Of these more anon.

Capt. Flood of the American Barque Lusitania, from New York, dined with me to-day. After dinner, he talked fluently of Dutchess County, and among other things, of a hospitable family of Lakos living there. Among other





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Nellie Holmes Pettit Bruner

(Dau. John Upfold Pettit and Julia Brenton Pettit)

b. April 15, 1861; d. July 20, 1924 at Akron, Ohio; m. Clarence Irving Bruner, No. 227, Mar. 1, 1883 at Wabash, Indiana; he was born Oct. 23, 1855; living at Akron, Ohio in 1936.

Children:

228. Marion Edna, b. Sept. 1, 1884, Wabash, Ind; m. Clarence Arthur Dielhenn of Massilon, Ohio, Sept. 13, 1909; b. 1873; d. July 21, 1921

Children: John Clarence, b. Sept. 10, 1912  
Cleveland

Marcia, b. June 18, 1914

229. Julia Ann, b. Sept. 26, 1898 at Akron; m. Edward Day Andrews, Mar. 12, 1923, b. Jan. 16, 1900

Children: James Patten Andrews, b. Aug. 26, 1924 at Akron

9th generation

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Henry Corbin Pettit

(Son of John Upfold and Julia Brenton Pettit)

b. Nov. 20, 1863; m. Eva Stilt, No. 230, Oct. 3, 1888; d. July 26, 1913

Child:

231. Mary, b. Oct. 19, 1898; m. Aug. 1918, Ralph Gregory Lockwood, b. June 17, 1894; dau. Marilyn, b. May 1919





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Mary Ann Pettit Heffron

(Dau. George Pettit and Jane Upfold Pettit)

b. Jan. 9, 1823, at Fabius; m. at Fabius, Dr. Lorenzo Heffron, No. 232, b. June 3, 1841 at Erieville, N.Y. Died Fabius, Jan. 2, 1879. After studying medicine with his father and practicing with him for a few years, he settled in Enterprise, Pa. Later after six years practice in Woodstock, he went to Fabius where he lived for the remainder of his life with the exception of three years in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Mrs. Heffron died Oct. 13, 1890.

Children:

- 233. Emmeline, b. ---; m. Albert S. Cole; one son; lived Whatcom, Wash.
- 234. Mary Cordelia, b. ---; unmarried; a distinguished teacher; d. July 8, 1896
- 235. John Lorenzo; b. ---; m. Marie Antoinette Marcher, Aug. 13, 1887; lived Syracuse, N.Y. d. 1926
- 236. Jane (or Jennie), b. ---; m. Ceylon H. Lewis; living in 1936; she died ---; one son, Edmund H. Lewis, Justice, Supreme Court, Syracuse, N.Y. 1936

9th generation

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John Lorenzo Heffron M.D.

(Son of Dr. Lorenzo and Mary Ann Pettit Heffron)

b. ---; m. Marie Antoinette Marcher, No. 237, Aug. 13, 1887; John Lorenzo followed his father's profession in Syracuse. Was killed in an automobile accident in 1926. Mrs. Heffron was living in 1936 in Greenwich, Conn.

Children:

- 238. John Marcher lived Greenwich, Conn. was killed in an automobile accident in 1928; left children
- 239. Marian, b. ---; m. Harold Everett Porter, b. 1888, d. June 21, 1936; Mrs. Porter living in Boston

Children:

- Jean Porter, m. Nathaniel W. Niles, Jr.
- John Heffron Porter
- Richard Montgomery Sears Porter
- 240. Emilie, m. Dr. Sisson; died leaving children





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Milton Howard Pettit

(Son George and Jane Upfold Pettit)

b. Fabius, N.Y. Oct. 22, 1825; m. Paris, Kenosha Co. Wis. Mar. 25, 1847, Caroline Diana Marsh, No. 247, b. Pompey, N.Y. Feb. 26, 1827, dau. Luman and Julia Remsen Marsh; d. July 7, 1902; Mr. Pettit died Mar. 23, 1873

Children:

- 242. Francis Ossian, b. May 5, 1850; d. Feb. 13, 1851
- 243. Edmond Henry, b. Feb. 22, 1852; d. Aug. 29, 1853
- 244. Ossian Marsh, b. June 28, 1854; d. Feb. 22, 1906
- 245. Elizabeth Augusta, b. Oct. 24, 1857; m. Robert Ernest Mailer, Dec. 17, 1885; d. Jan. 15, 1934  
Mr. Mailer d. Mar. 16, 1934; no children
- 246. George L. b. May 26, 1860; d. Mar. 6, 1861
- 247. Lucius Boothe, b. Oct. 6, 1865; d. Sept. 22, 1866
- 248. Caroline Julia, b. May 16, 1870; m. Harry Sheffield Griswold, June 11, 1895; d. April 5, 1934;  
Mr. Griswold died April 21, 1911

Milton Howard Pettit was the fifth son of Judge George Pettit. He was educated in the Common School of Fabius and in Pompey Academy. He lived and worked on his father's farm until he was 21 years old. Then he secured his father's consent to go to Kenosha Co., Wisconsin. He arrived in the late fall of 1846 going to the home of Luman Marsh of Paris township to whose daughter Caroline he had become engaged to be married before the Marsh family migrated from Pompey in 1845. Having found a tract of land which he liked, his father loaned him money for its purchase. Milton and Caroline Marsh were married on March 25, 1847 and went immediately to their little home in Somers township, Kenosha Co. beginning under pioneer conditions. In 1854, feeling that he was not progressing rapidly enough, he moved to Kenosha and engaged in buying and selling grain and later in malting. He was successful in his business from the first.

Mr. Pettit was elected Mayor of Kenosha in 1861. Governor Alexander W. Randall appointed him Paymaster of the 6th Reg. W.S.M. from Jan. 24, 1861 with rank of Captain. On Jan. 1, 1862 Edward Daniels, Colonel commanding the 1st Reg. Wisconsin Cavalry appointed him Sutler and he went with the Regiment to active service. He was again elected Mayor of Kenosha in 1865, 1867, and 1870.

A city debt of \$900,000, the result of City's guarantee of bonds for construction of a railroad built from Kenosha westward and upon which the railroad company had defaulted, was throttling the business





development of the city. A plan was devised by the Mayor and three or four other leading men whereby the bonds were taken by individual citizens at an adjusted price and the city was left free to go forward. In a few years the bonds were redeemed.

Mr. Pettit was a man devoted to his family and relatives. This actuated him when, in 1864-65, he signed notes for one of his brother-in-laws who was financially embarrassed. Unfortunately the relative suddenly died.

The estate being bankrupt, Mr. Pettit had to become responsible to the banks for \$30,000-\$40,000 due in sixty days. He told no one of his predicament, not even the members of his immediate family. By arranging extensions and securing loans, expanding his business and other expedients, after three years he had worked out. His courage was such that he never lost his serene and cheerful aspect and his wisdom and daring in entering upon large business ventures in another year found him fully started upon a career of successful enterprise.

In the fall of 1869 he was elected to the State Senate in which he served with distinguished ability for two years. He became very popular with his fellow members of the Senate as with all people with whom he became acquainted. In the fall of 1871 he was elected Lieut. Governor. Many measures important to the welfare and development of the State were enacted during his terms of office. He was an admirable presiding officer with broad and intelligent opinions. Although very ill and warned by his physician he continued presiding until the close of the 1873 Legislative Session. He then went to his Kenosha home. There he lived only three days.

Expressions of esteem and sorrow which came from all parts of the State voiced the feeling that in the early death of Lieut. Governor Pettit, Wisconsin had suffered a serious loss.





(TITLE)

Letter from eleven year old

Milton Howard Pettit to

his father

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1857

My Dear Father,

I have now sit down to write you a few lines I suppose you are very impatient to hear from me because that the most last words you spoke to me were Howard I wish you to write me a letter I think very often about you and shall be glad when you come home as I do not my think much to write I shall tell you what I have been studying this winter since you have been gone I have been studying Grammar and have been through it twice and I have got about a quarter through it again and ~~have been about half~~ I can parse very well and have been about half through Arithmetic and begun Philosophy and could not git along with it very well and so I give it up and went to studying Modern History and git along with that very well and have learnt the fifty six counties of Kentucky and the subdivisions and capitals of the United States and the Rivers of the United States I send my love to you and I wish they were more to send my love to but they is not and so I will send it to you It is now bedtime for me and so I will close by saying that I wish you to write to me when you receive this

From your affectionate son

M. H. Pettit





Letter of a twenty-two year old pioneer,

from Milton Howard Pettit to

his father

Lake Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 1847.

Dear Father

Your welcome letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. was received last night. At the same time I received one from A. W. postmarked. Hamilton, which I was very happy to receive. being the first one I have had from him in some time. It seems you have just had a visit from John and Lu. How I would liked to have been there with you, and them, But I expect to welcome John to my new home next spring, and if he ~~is~~ does not be the victim of a mighty sneeze, it will be because my hand will lose its strength. I am calculating a good deal on his visit, I would like to see Lucius here too. I cannot write a very interesting epistle this time. for the want of any news, but I hate to send an empty sheet so far. and consequently here goes. for something or nothing And first did you ever keep caught a wild hog? if not "stand from under." while I tell you of an adventure I had a few nights since. An adventure that was trumpeted all over Southport as being a large "hog story," but it had the credit of being true, Early in the fall 3 wild hogs took a notion of coming to my cornfield and catching corn and I took a notion of catching them. quite a difference?

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> We are now making ready to attend a splendid wedding party at Harmon Marshes. The weather is cold, and night before we had quite a fall of snow 12 inches.





You must know they only made their raids by night  
and before break of day. they were always "at home"  
where their "home" was. no one could tell, only in the  
deep woods. I gathered the corn and put it in a crib  
out doors. but they would come and get the corn from  
that. I then went and built a large yard, the fence  
10 rails high, oak, and staked & piled, at the end of  
the yard towards my stable door. I made a slip gate.  
All that done I took a double barreled gun, went in  
the stable at dark, and stood watch all night for  
the hogs. but I was disappointed that night.  
determined to succeed I tried it again, but with  
no better luck than the first. The nights were cold  
and I suffered a good deal. Then the neighbors began  
to laugh at me, for attempting to trap "wild hogs."  
Some of my friends in town laughed at me. but I told  
them to wait patiently the appointed time.  
I succeeded in getting one of my neighbors to watch  
with me, and make as big a fool of himself as I did,  
and on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> night about 4 o'clock  
such a hurrahing, and yelling, and such a flourishing  
of clubs, and guns, as we made. I think was never  
made before in Wisconsin. We had them all three  
safe in the yard. But my powers are too weak  
to describe the conduct of the hogs.  
Imagine, <sup>you see</sup> a wild tiger just caged. and you can  
form some idea how these hogs acted.

The fact of an election a short time since I elect delegates to  
the next year. The election of 46 Democrats & 23 whigs. The people  
will do better than they did before. To me another constitution  
is more another constitution? progressive.







They grunted in thunder tones, made dupped efforts to get out, run, and jumped, frothed at the mouth, and if they saw one of us through the fence. They would come towards us, displaying a set of tusks from 2 to 3 inches long, and as sharp as needles which. I should rather have any where else than in my tock. I never had such feelings in my life when standing before a row of wild animals in a caravan & as I had while looking at those wild hogs. They must have been lineal descendants of the hogs that ran down that steep place into the sea. As soon as it was light the neighbors came flocking in to see them, and they all had but one opinion, and that was. They never saw so savage acting animals in their life as those hogs. Then (as Sally says) "They laughed out of the wrong side of their face" We killed them the same day with a rifle and sold the meat for \$17, quite a speculation withal, but enough has been said of that. You have doubtless ere this heard the sad news of the burning of the ill fated Phoenix and the horrible death of over 250 human beings. That calamity happened only about 60 miles from Southport, a deep gloom was cast over that village as the news came, of the loss of that boat, and also one of the ornaments of the place, Mr David Plish, who lost his life while gallantly endeavoring to save the lives of others.





The rest of the lot were principally Hollanders, who had travelled all this distance, to be destroyed by fire and water, when within 10 miles of their journey's end, and what was the cause of such a ~~loss~~ loss of life?

There is but one answer, and that is Whiskey!!

For a few drinks of whiskey, were sold 250 lives.

When will it have done its work. You speak in your letter as if you thought I was anxious to return east.

I am sorry you misunderstood my letter, nothing was farther from my meaning than that. To be sure I would like to live near you and other friends, but I have no

desire to sell my farm, and work on a farm east.

Nothing that I think of now would induce me to change farms, the west for the east. To be sure I have suffered

a good deal, but now I have got a start, which it would be foolish in me to lose.

You say, Mr Jonathan said he entertained no prejudice toward me. If that is the case, and he harbors no ill will then why does he not make some advances, and also his wife. Whenever they are willing, to make separation for injuries done me, I will meet them, and do all I

should do, to restore a state of good feeling. All I want is right, and they will soon find me as amiable as any one to forget the past.

Do I understand you in your remarks concerning the children paying interest on what money they have.

that I am not to pay interest on that mortgage, or do you expect the interest in the spring. Please tell me

in your next. Caroline and myself are well. She says I am "getting real fat". I must say I never enjoyed

better health in my life. I have had neither cough nor cold this winter. Remember us in love to all the family, and accept our love yourself. Your affectionate son

Wm. H. Pettit

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Ossian Marsh Pettit

(Son of Milton Howard and Caroline Diana Marsh Pettit)

b. Somers, Kenosha Co. Wis. June 28, 1854; m. Alma Elizabeth Robinson, No. 249, in Kenosha, Wis. Oct. 25, 1877, dau. Frederick and Ann Bertholf Robinson, b. Aug. 20, 1854; d. May 20, 1915; Mr. Pettit died Feb. 22, 1906.

Children:

- 250. Milton Howard (2), b. May 22, 1881; m. Mary Delsaine Swandale, Sept. 27, 1906
- 251. Frederick Robinson, b. Mar. 22, 1883; d. June 15, 1919; m. Lydia Crosby Wallis, Racine, Oct. 12, 1916; daughter Lydia Ann, b. Feb. 13, 1918
- 252. Bertholf Marsh, b. Sept. 29, 1885, Kenosha; unmarried in 1936
- 253. John Henry, b. Feb. 15, 1890; d. June 5, 1893

Ossian Marsh Pettit was born and reared in Kenosha. He was educated in the public schools. Finishing high school he went with his father to Madison as page in the Senate. In 1870 he entered the University of Wisconsin. His father's death in 1873 necessitated his return to Kenosha to enter the family's business. When it was incorporated in 1885 as the M.H. Pettit Malting Co., he was made Vice-President. For several years he represented the company as traveling salesman which took him to every state and to Mexico where he was signally honored by President Diaz.

He was very popular, with hosts of friends, a 32nd degree Mason and member of other Orders.

In politics a republican he was elected for four terms as Mayor of his city which were periods of great progress in public improvements. As a presiding officer he had few equals. In politics he was the greatest campaigner ever known in Kenosha.

For the last two years of his life his ill health and business cares left him little time to devote to politics. His sudden death at 52 years was a public as well as a private sorrow.





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Milton Howard Pettit (2)

(Son of Ossian Marsh and Alma Robinson Pettit)

b. May 22, 1881; m. Sept. 27, 1906 at Greenville, S.C., Mary Del-saine Swandale, No. 254, b. Feb. 2, 1881, dau. of Dr. George Tupper and Frances Keels Swandale, Greenville, S. Carolina

Children:

- 255. Milton Howard Pettit (3), b. Oct. 11, 1908, Kenosha, Wis; m. June 28, 1934, Gertrude Fleet of San Diego, Calif.
- 256. John Keels, b. Mar. 16, 1911, Kenosha, Wis.; m. Aug. 25, 1934 in Kenosha, Marguerite Robinson, dau. of Richard T. Robinson II and Margaret Morton Robinson of San Diego, Calif.
- 257. Richard Robinson, b. June 25, 1914, unmarried in 1936

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Frederick Robinson Pettit

(Son of Ossian Marsh and Alma Robinson Pettit)

b. Mar. 22, 1883; m. in Racino, Wis. Oct. 12, 1916, Lydia Crosby Wallis, No. 258, dau. of Harry and Jessie Case Wallis; he d. June 15, 1919

Child:

- 259. Lydia Ann Pettit, b. Feb. 13, 1918

Mrs. Pettit married George A. Kingsley in 1933. They reside in Hopkins, Minnesota.



ADDENDA

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(Son of Milton Howard (2) and Mary Swandale Pettit)

b. Oct. 11, 1908, Kenosha, Wis; m. June 28, 1934, Gertrude Fleet,  
No. 303, dau. of Ernest and Elizabeth Chadwick Fleet. Live in Pas-  
adena, California, 1936-37.

Children:

12th generation

304. Milton Howard (4) b. Feb. 22, 1937 in  
Los Angeles

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John Keels Pettit

11th generation

(Son of Milton Howard (3) and Mary Swandale Pettit)

b. Mar. 16, 1911, Kenosha, Wis; m. Aug. 25, 1934, Marguerite M.  
Robinson. Live Bostonia, Calif.

Children:

12th generation

Mary Delsaine, b. June 19, 1937 in San Diego.





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Caroline Julia Pettit Griswold

(Dau. Milton Howard and Caroline Diana Pettit)

b. May 16, 1870, Kenosha; d. April 5, 1934 in San Diego, California;  
m. Harry Sheffield Griswold, No. 260, son of Henry Farnum and Jennie  
Sheffield Griswold, June 11, 1895 in Kenosha; Mr. Griswold died  
Apr. 21, 1911 in Wilmette, Ill. where they resided.

Children:

261. Milton Pettit, b. Bryn Mawr, Ill. July 20, 1897;  
m. Lucile M. Yates, Oak Park, Ill. June 10, 1920

262. Henry Farnum, b. Wilmette, Ill. Oct. 10, 1898;  
m. Edna Solper, Racine, Wis., b. Aug. 27, 1899.





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Milton Pettit Griswold

(Son of Harry Sheffield and Caroline Pettit Griswold)

b. July 22, 1897; m. in Oak Park, Ill. June 10, 1920, Lucile Margaret Yates, No. 263, b. Dec. 19, 1896; dau. of John Arthur and Mary von Bieren (Hacker) Yates.

Children:

- 264. Robert Yates, b. Mar. 20, 1921
- 265. John Sheffield, b. Jan. 23, 1923
- 266. Mary Carolyn, b. Nov. 19, 1924
- 267. Elizabeth Pettit, b. June 18, 1926

Living in Santa Monica, California, 1936.

10th generation

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Henry Farnum Griswold

(Son of Harry Sheffield and Caroline Pettit Griswold)

b. Oct. 10, 1898; m. Edna Solper, No. 268, dau. of Francis and Christina Allen Solper, b. Aug. 27, 1899 in Racine.

Children

- 269. Harry Sheffield, b. Dec. 19, 1926
- 270. Carolino Elizabeth, b. Nov. 13, 1931

Living in Racine, Wis. 1936



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Jonathan Pettit (5)

(4th son of Jonathan (4) and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. Albany, Jan. 31, 1782; m. (1) Elinor Stebbins, No. 271, of Sherburne, N.Y.; m. (2) Ann Howell, No. 272; he died Mar. 20, 1811, aged 29 years.

Children of first wife:

273. Samuel, who settled in Ohio

274. Stalvina

Child of second wife:

275. Angelina

Jonathan Pettit V was a lawyer; practiced in Sherburne, N.Y. and with a Mr. Percival published a paper called "The Republican Messenger".

7th generation

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David Pettit

(5th son of Jonathan and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. Feb. 11, 1784 at Albany; m. Asenath Elms, No. 276 of Fabius, 1810.

Children:

277. Jonathan, b. Sept. 7, 1811; d. infancy

278. Rudolphus E. b. Oct. 20, 1815; d. 1898

279. Leonora, b. June 23, 1818; m. Bellefontaine, Ohio, a  
Mr. ---Miller, 1842

280. Jonathan, b. July, 1819; in 1846 went to Iowa and married

281. Samuel, b. June 3, 1821

282. Melancton (3), b. May 21, 1823

283. George, b. Apr. 16, 1826

284. James M. b. May 15, 1828

285. Helen Jane, b. Oct. 1833

286. Annette, b. Mar. 11, 1837

David Pettit was a teacher and after living and teaching in several places in Ohio finally located at Bellefontaine where he died Oct. 9, 1855.





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Melancton Smith Pettit

(7th son of Jonathan and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. August 13, 1788 at Saratoga, N.Y.; died Canonsburg, Pa. July 28, 1817.

He was a physician and surgeon of repute; was "with Gen. Andrew Jackson in his Indian campaigns, altho quite young"; with Gen. Harrison in War of 1812; married ---, No. 288; lived in Dayton, Ohio, where he was the first publisher and editor of "The Ohio Republican" in 1813, and in Cincinnati where he edited a newspaper "Spirit of the West" in 1814; had one son born Sept. 6, 1815.

7th generation

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John Riddell Pettit

(Son of Jonathan and Agnes Riddell Pettit)

b. July 23, 1793, Burlington, N.Y.; m. Hulda Gleason, No. 290

Children, four; two unknown:

291. Malvina

292. Samuel, settled in or near Muscatine, Iowa, 1856;  
his oldest dau. m. --- Gates. They lived  
in Lafayette, Ind.





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Agnes Pottit Sinnott

(Only daughter of Jonathan (4) and Agnes Riddell Pottit)

b. Aug. 29, 1797, Sherburne, N.Y.; m. Oct. 30, 1816 Patrick S. Sinnott, No. 294; son of Patrick and Mollie Sinnott at Fabius, N.Y. She died, Fredonia, N.Y. Mar. 6, 1875; he died Aug. 1, 1868.

Children:

295. Jonathan P. b. Fabius, Aug. 1, 1817; d. Black River, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1852  
 296. Mary A. b. Delphi, Mar. 7, 1819; d. Laona, N.Y. Dec. 28, 1859; m. Wm. Gaston of Berkshire Co. Mass. 1841; died Akron, O.

Children:

1. Wm. Jr. b. 1842
  2. George P. b. 1844; m. Amelia Clark and had William and Helen who m. Silas Fish; lives N.Y. City
297. Edward M. b. Delphi, Mar. 16, 1821; d. Nov. 30, 1875  
 298. James O. b. Delphi, Aug. 16, 1823; killed Cleveland 1864; m. Elizabeth Gilmore  
 299. Celia E. b. West Troy June 5, 1826; d. Black River, O. Nov. 1845  
 300. Jane A. b. Delphi, Sept. 25, 1828; d. Laona, Nov. 24, 1860; m. Chas, Livingston, b. St. Albans, Vt. June 24, 1823; d. 1858; dau'trs, Kate and Flora, lived St. Albans  
 301. Helen Sinnott, b. Fabius, Oct. 3, 1832; d. Elyria, O. June 1, 1854  
 302. William Wirt; b. Black River, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1839; d. there Jan. 9, 1841

After the death of Jonathan (4) Pettit in March, 1833, his widow Agnes Riddoll P. lived with Mr. and Mrs Sinnott until her death, April, 1833.



THE DUNHAM FAMILY

GENEALOGY OF THE  
DIRECT ANCESTORS OF  
HANNAH DUNHAM  
WHO MARRIED JOHN PETTIT (6)  
IN SHARON, CONNECTICUT  
1742





## The Dunhams in England

It was in three counties of England, Lincoln, York, and Nottingham that the Puritans were strongest. Under King James I began the persecution of those who refused to conform to the ritual of the Established Church in their worship, and who believed that men should be free from domination of King and Bishop in the exercise of their religion.

As in the small industrial town of Meaux in France, the Huguenots first became so numerous as to attract the attention of the government, so it was in the little town of Scrooby in England that Puritans in 1606 organized in defiance of the law, the Independent Congregationalist Society, with William Brewster as leader and pastor. The church was at Gainsboro-on-Trent. From the persecutions which followed thousands fled to Holland. In 1611 the "Society" emigrated practically in a body and settled in Leyden.

In England in the late 1500s, one John Dunham married a daughter of Sir John Zouche. His son, Sir John Dunham, was the father of John Dunham of Plymouth Colony. Sir John Dunham had property in Kirklington and Edingly, 30 messuages (dwelling houses with land attached) 7 cottages, 300 acres of land--200 acres of meadow and 100 of pasture. He also had near Scrooby, 300 acres of land as well as meadow and wood land. He placed his son John Dunham under the instruction of Wm. Brewster of Scrooby who had taken his degree at the University of Cambridge. In 1607 Wm. Brewster about to be arrested as a Puritan and Separatist leader, escaped to Holland. (Dunham Genealogy)

William Bradford and John Dunham both nineteen years old were arrested and imprisoned for a time at Boston, England. They were released and reached Leyden in 1608.

In 1606 King James I had granted a charter to a great joint stock company for the establishment of two colonies in America.

After eight years in Leyden "the Pilgrim Society" in Leyden decided to send a detachment to lay the foundation of a Puritan State in America. (Fiske's Beginnings of New England) They sailed from Delft Haven, Holland, in the Mayflower, 180 tons burden, late in July, 1620, stopped at Southampton, England, and after a second stop at Plymouth, Devonshire, England, sailed on Sept. 6, 1620. They arrived in Cape Cod Bay on Nov. 11, 1620. William Brewster, the leader, William Bradford and John Dunham were the only ones in Plymouth, from Scrooby. Of the 100 persons





sailing in the Mayflower only 59 adults lived to reach America. Forty-one of the fifty nine signed while on the ship, the "Compact" for government of the colony. It was drawn up by "Elder" Brewster. (Pg. 69, Commonwealth of New England, by Albert Bushnell Hart)

John Dunham had learned the weaver's trade in Holland and had married on Oct. 17, 1619 Abigail Wood, a distant relative. Their son John was born in 1620 just before the Pilgrims sailed. Abigail being unable to travel they followed on a later ship. In 1623 John Dunham's daughter Abigail was born in Plymouth and he was allotted land by Governor Bradford as a married man "on the south side of the street" adjoining the lot of Wm. Brewster. In 1627 he was included in the "Cattle Distribution." In 1632 given land for pasturing and in 1638 he sold cattle as "Goodman's steers." In 1638 he was placed in office as a Deputy of the Colony. He was a man of strict honesty and sterling character, quite prominent in the growth and prosperity of the colony. "He carried on weaving and rearing of cattle and flocks. Dunham Genealogy states: "Plymouth Colony records contain no one man with a more brilliant record than that of John Dunham."

Note: (From Dunham Genealogy)

Sir Edward Zouche, counselor to King James I and a zealous partisan of the Established Church, and John Dunham had the same grandfather, Sir John Zouche.

The land in America being an English possession and Sir Edw. Zouche being Chairman of the commission for New England, John Dunham was in a hazardous position.

Some puritans in Leyden were suspicious of John Dunham because of his relationship to Edw. Zouche. To avoid trouble it was decided to conceal his identity and he was listed on the Mayflower under the adopted name of "John Goodman, single man" with the approval of Brewster and Bradford.

After a time he resumed his own name. American Genealogist says "this tradition is fantastic." The Mayflower Record states: "John Goodman died in the great sickness."

The first mention of the name of John Dunham in a public capacity was in the list of those of the "General Court of Free Men" in 1633. (History of Plymouth Pioneers by Wm. Davis) He was a member of the General Court in 1633, 1639-1640, 1645-1650, 1652, 1653, 1655-1659, 1662 and 1664.

The Plymouth Church Records lists him as a Deacon in 1634 and thereafter he is referred to as "Deacon John Dunham (Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth by Wm. Davis)

On July 1638, the townline of Plymouth was fixed by his





"owned land", the first dated entry in the Town Records. In 1646 he was at a Town meeting in Plymouth and in 1649 was a Select Man for New Plymouth. In 1651 he is listed as having interest in land and town property. In October 1661 he paid "rates"- 12 shillings. John Dunham Sr. as he was called in the Records after his son John came of age, was born in Scrooby, England, in 1589. He died Mar. 1, 1669, aged 80 years. "A godly man and well esteemed." (Plymouth Church Records)

His son John in 1662 received a grant of land as the "first born of the colony" and his daughter Abigail was the first child born in Plymouth, in 1623.

In July or August 1623, the ships "Arme" and "Little James, built for Plymouth Colony" brought 60 persons for the re-union of parents and children, husbands and wives. (Barry's History of Mass. Colonial Period)

For the first five years all men voted and elected the Governor and one assistant. A pure democracy. In 1630 only Free men could vote at Town meetings. In 1636, a General Court of Free men was elected. Members must be 21 years old, be possessed of local town endorsement, be sober, peaceful, orthodox in religion and with rateable estate of 20 Pounds. (Commonwealth History of New England by Wm. Bushnell Hart)

#### Note 2:

In 1620, Plymouth Colony, under the name of "Council for New England," obtained a charter for "lands between 40 degrees to 48 degrees and westward to the sea". The patent was to "Wm. Bradford, his heirs, associates and assigns" and the charter granted by King Charles I in 1630, was for lands now included in Plymouth, Barnstable and Bristol counties of Mass. Debts of the Colony assumed in 1627 for money borrowed and interest claimed-- 1800 Pounds, and 500 Pounds for expense in obtaining the Charter in 1630,--the Colony had paid and was free of debt in 1646.

#### Note 3:

Hottens' "List of Original Emigrants" contains the name of "Robert Dunham 30 years, imbarqued in the 'George Jo', Severn to Virginia, Aug. 21, 1635". He was a brother of John Dunham.





## The first in America

b. Scrooby, Nottingham Co. England in 1589; m. Abigail Wood, No. 307, Nov. 17, 1619 in Leyden, Holland; John Dunham I died Mar. 2, 1668-9, aged 80 years.

(Ancient Landmarks of Plymouth and Dunham Genealogy)

Children:

- 308. John II or Jr. b. 1620, Leyden, Holland; m. 1643, Dorothy ---, Boston
- 309. Abigail, b. 1623, Plymouth; m. Stephen Wood
- 310. Thomas, b. 1626; m. Martha Knott
- 311. Samuel, b. 1628; m. Martha Beals Fallowell, 1649; he died 1690
- 312. Hannah, b. 1630; m. Giles Rickard
- 313. Jonathan I, b. 1632; m. (1) Mary de la Noye (Delano); m. (2) Mary Cobb Hurst
- 314. Persis, b. 1635; m. (1) Boniah Pratt; m. (2) Jonathan Shaw, June 29, 1657
- 315. Joseph, b. 1636; m. (1) Mercy Morton, 1657; moved to Eastham; m. (2) Esther Wormall
- 316. Benjamin, b. 1637; m. Mary Tilson, 1660
- 317. Daniel, b. 1639; m. Mchitable Hayward about 1670
- 318. Benajah, b. 1640; m. Elizabeth Tilson, 1660; was constable at Eastham, May 29, 1670

Letters of administration of the estate of John Dunham Sr. were granted to his widow Abigail Dunham May 29, 1670. His will bore date Jan. 25, 1668.

The Puritans of Plymouth Colony bought their new lands from the Indians and as the population increased they purchased lands at some distance from the town of Plymouth. John Dunham II (Jr.) and his brother Jonathan are recorded both in the Plymouth Records and in the History of Middleboro, Mass. Colony as having bought and been granted lands in Middleboro, Mass. and in Colchester, Conn. John Sr. gave John Jr. 60 acres of land when he became 16 years old and when 21, a meadow and 20 acres. John Jr. became a "Free Man" March 7, 1643. John Sr. left the village and built a house on land owned by him, north of Watson's Hill and Southwest of Plymouth.





(Son of John I and Abigail Wood Dunham)

b. 1620; d. Apr. 6, 1692 "in the 73rd year of his age";  
m. (1) Dorothy, No. 319, in 1643; m. (2) Mary, No. 320

Children:

- 321. Mary, b. ---; m. James Hamlin of Barnstable
- 322. Patience, b. ---; m. James Hamlin of Situate
- 323. John III, b. Oct. 11, 1649; m. Mary Smith, 1680,  
dau. Rev. John and Susanna Hinckley Smith
- 324. Jonathan, b. Apr. 16, 1650; d. Apr. 26, 1650
- 325. Samuel, b. 1651-2; m. (1) Mary Harlow, 1680;  
m. (2) Mary Watson, 1693
- 326. Mercy, b. ---; m. Israel Hatch, 1662
- 327. Susannah, b. ---; m. Jan. 1667, Bartholomew Hamlin
- 328. Lydia, b. ---; m. Robert Barrows
- 329. Hannah, b. 1657, d. 1659

Letters of administration of the Estate of John Dunham II (Jr.)  
were granted Apr. 16, 1692. (Plymouth Colony Records)

"Will of John Dunham II of Plymouth dated Feb. 2, 1691-2:

- 1. To wife Mary and daughter Mercy, house and land in  
Plymouth.
- 2. Forty acres in Colchester, one half to Mercy and one  
half to son John.
- 3. To daughter Susannah and son Bartholomew Hamlin,  
clothing.
- 4. To daughter Mary wife James Hamlin three acres of  
land.
- 5. To daughter Lydia, wife of Robert Barrow, three  
acres of land.

No mention of Jonathan as had already been given land.

John Dunham II acquired land in or near Middleboro in 1664-1672 and 1674 and at the same times, as his brother Jonathan, but continued to live in Plymouth, where he also owned land and town property.

His wife Mary was a resident of Colchester in 1700 when she signed two petitions in January and May, 1700. John Dunham II had difficulty with the church and withdrew, but on Apr. 26, 1691, he became reconciled and was admitted to membership the year before his death.



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John Dunham III

(Son of John II and Mary Dunham)

b. Plymouth Colony, 1648; d. Jan. 2, 1696-7; m. Mary Smith, No. 330,  
dau. Rev. John Smith and Susanna Hinckloy Smith, Mar. 1, 1679-80

Children:

- 331. Thomas, b. 1680
  - 332. John IV, b. 1682
  - 333. Ebenezer, b. April, 1684; m. Anna; joined Middle-  
boro Church, 1707
  - 334. Desire, b. December, 1685
  - 335. Elisha, b. September, 1687
  - 336. Mercy, b. June, 1689
  - 337. Benjamin, b. June, 1691
- (Plymouth Church records and Barnstable notes by Amos Otis)

John Dunham III oldest son of John Dunham II of Plymouth re-  
sided at Indians Pond, Barnstable. He was "not an original pro-  
prietor"; bought three acres in Barnstable in 1685; was granted  
30 acres in 1689. He asked a letter to church in Barnstable  
"where he now resides" July 25, 1686. In 1691 he returned to  
Plymouth and was restored to church membership there April 26,  
1691. At death left 223 Pounds, 13 Shillings in money as well  
as land and town property.





(Son of John I and Abigail Wood Dunham)

- b. Plymouth Colony 1632; d. Dec. 17, 1717-18, aged 85 years;  
 m. (1) Mary de la Noye, No. 338, dau. of Philip Delano, 1655;  
 m. (2) Mary Cobb Hurst, No. 339, dau. Henry Cobb, Oct. 16, 1657.

Children of first wife:

340. Daniel, b. 1656; m. Rebecca Norton. Lived Edgarstown,  
 Martha's Vineyard

Children of second wife:

341. Jonathan II, b. 1658; m. Esther Huxford, widow  
 342. Eleazer, b. about 1660; m. Bathshua---- member of  
 Middleboro Church, Mar. 10, 1703  
 343. Gershom, b. about 1662; m. Mary Clark  
 344. Samuel, b. about 1664; m. Mary ---; she and daughter  
 Mary joined Middleboro Church 1707  
 345. Hannah, b. about 1666; m. ---Pease  
 (History Plymouth Pioneers of Mass. by Pope)

The first public record of Jonathan Dunham I ("Sr.") was as one of those present at Plymouth Town Meeting in 1646 with his father John Dunham, Sr. and his brother Samuel. In 1657 his marriage to Mary Cobb Hurst was recorded. In 1661 in the distribution of guns and swords collected and belonging to the Town, Jonathan Dunham I was given a sword. It is also recorded that he returned the sword.

In 1656 he "stated to the Court that he desired land for posterity and the Court gave liberally." On March 2, 1663 he requested that bounds of his land be fixed. In July 13, 1663, he was granted 30 acres of Majors Purchase, east of Nemasket River. June 7, 1665, he was granted 30 acres west of Nemasket River (Middleboro was settled on or near this river). He bought into 26 Men's Purchase and was a resident of Middleboro in 1670. In 1669 he was one of 8 Free Men and on the list of the jurisdiction of Plymouth Colony for Middleboro May 29, 1670 and an officer in 1671 and Selectman in 1674 and 1675. He owned land in four other places. Middleboro was destroyed by the Indians in King Philip's War in 1676. Jonathan Dunham I returned to Plymouth in 1678-9. Became minister to the Indians at Edgarstown, Martha's Vineyard, before 1684; was installed Oct. 11, 1694; ordained Oct. 11, 1697. He died 1717 aged 85 years. He was buried at Edgarstown.





Jonathan Dunham (cont.)

His oldest son Daniel was executor of his estate. The will of Jonathan Dunham I, gave "to son Jonathan II nothing as I have already given him land at Middleboro". To Daniel, Eleazer, Cershom and Samuel, land at Middleboro. To daughter Hannah Pease, cattle. To Daniel the oldest son, the homestead in Edgarstown. To brother Joseph "the land, near the land which my dear father died possessed of" bought Nov. 4, 1679-deed recorded Jan. 3, 1680.

At the end of King Philip's War, Middleboro was resettled by the sons and grandsons of Plymouth men. It was 15 miles from Plymouth, incorporated in 1669. The records were destroyed by fire during King Philip's War, but a list of 41 men known to have lived there in 1670 was taken from Plymouth Records of deeds, office holders and Freemen.

(History of Middleboro by Thos. Weston)



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Jonathan Dunham II

(Son of Jonathan I<sup>1248</sup> and Mary Cobb Hurst Dunham)

b. 1658; d. 1745; m. Esther Morton Huxford, No. 346 "before 1696".  
They seem to have lived continuously in Middleboro.  
(History of Middleboro)

Children:

- 347. Jonathan III, b. 1694-6; m. Judith Luce Feb. 11, 1719
- 348. Hezekiah, b. 1698; m. Jean Pease, b. Nov. 22, 1700;  
d. 1738
- 349. Cornelius, b. 1699; m. Jemima Norton, b. 1702
- 350. Gideon, b. 1700; m. (1) Desire Case, b. 1701;  
d. 1728; m. (2) Mary Lewes 1729

Jonathan II died intestate and letters of administration were granted to his son Jonathan III on estate of his father 1746 and division was made 1747.

The administration was made in Litchfield County in 1747.

Note:

There are discrepancies between the records as to the years of the birth of Jonathan III and as to his death.

Middleboro History states Jonathan II and Esther Huxford were married "before 1696". It also states that he was granted letters of administration on his father, Jonathan II's estate in 1746 and division was made in 1747.

Sedwick's History of Sharon states that "Jonathan III died Feb. 28, 1745 in the 52 year of his age." His marker in the cemetery may be either 52 or 59.





## Migration to Connecticut

A goodly number of pioneers from Massachusetts Colony, Plymouth and Middleboro Mass. following the trend of migration went south into Connecticut. In 1633 a little detachment from Plymouth Colony had sailed up the Connecticut River, settled at Windsor and built a fort.

The same year another party from Massachusetts Colony settled Wethersfield. Dissension arose over religious matters and one group went on to Milford, while a larger group followed Andrew Ward and settled Stamford in 1740.

In 1636 a hundred or more men, women and children led by Rev. Thos. Hooker went on foot over 100 miles from Newtown (Cambridge) Mass. and settled Hartford. They drove 160 cattle and carried in a litter all the way Mrs Hooker, an invalid. The members of the group were liberal in their religious beliefs and civic ideas which they acquired for the most part during their stay in Holland and they sought more freedom for their practice than Mass. Colony provided. (Of special interest to the Pettit-Dunham descendants is the fact that of this party were John Webster afterward Governor of Connecticut and John Marsh of Braintree, England, aged 17 years who later married Ann, daughter of John Webster. They were the progenitors of the Marsh family in America.

"History of Connecticut" by Marguerite Allis

"Beginnings of New England" by John Fiske

"Notes on Life of Noah Webster" by Emily Ford Skeel

"John Marsh of Hartford"





(Son of Jonathan II and Esther Huxford Dunham)

b. Middleboro, Mass. 1693-4; d. Sharon, Conn. Feb. 28, 1745 in the 52 year of his age; m. Feb. 11, 1719 Judith Luce, No. 351, in Middleboro, Mass.

Children:

- 352. Samuel, b. about 1720; m. Elizabeth Dunham
- 353. Hannah, b. about 1722; m. John Pettit, 1742
- 354. Ruth, b. --- ---; m. Gideon Cartwright
- 355. Esther, b. --- ---; m. Joseph Huxford, 1748
- 356. Jonathan IV, b. 1726; d. 1740
- 357. Abigail, b. 1727; m. Samuel Hitchcock, Sept. 24, 1752
- 358. Jacob, b. 1729

Capt. Jonathan, Hannah, Mary, and Elizabeth joined the church in Sharon May 28, 1740 by letter from the Colchester Church (Sharon Church Record).

One Sharon authority states Capt. Jonathan Dunham had twelve children. Another states that he had several sons. Having lived in several places which had no vital records, the dates of births of all children were not found nor names other than those listed, Ruth, Esther, Jonathan IV and Abigail are given in the Dunham Genealogy.

Jonathan Dunham III moved from Middleboro, Mass. to E. Haddam (Watcha) Connecticut, thence to Colchester where he was one of the first settlers. The earliest recorded date found was Dec. 13, 1725 when he participated in a Town meeting. ("Colchester Records" by Taintor and Dunham Genealogy)

Other members of the Dunham family had settled at Colchester. John Dunham II in 1692 willed to his daughter Mercy and to son John III each 40 acres of land at Colchester and his widow was listed as a resident there in 1700.

In May 1738 Jonathan III went from Colchester to Sharon, then newly opened to settlement.

Jonathan Dunham III and Jonathan Pettit II of Stamford were the first settlers. Each bought 80 acres of land and house lots. They returned to their homes for the winter and in the spring of 1739 returned with their families.

(History of Sharon" by Sedgwick)

Jonathan Dunham III kept the first tavern. He was given much responsibility, was appointed in 1737 as agent to make application to the Conn. Assembly for a Town Charter, was moderator at Town



Jonathan Dunham III cont.

meeting etc. Everywhere he lived he was a leader in civic affairs. Sedgwick states "his grave was the first in the new cemetery". He also states that his son Samuel built the stone house formerly owned by Anson Boland and that he had several other sons. His daughter Hannah married John Pettit (6) son of Jonathan Pettit (2) from Stamford about 1742.





THE UPFOLD FAMILY

FROM SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF JOHN UPFOLD

in

NEW YORK BAPTIST REGISTER

Nov. 7, 1828





## Upfold Family

John Upfold was the youngest of four sons of George Upfold, a thrifty and respectable farmer in Cranley, County of Surrey, England. He was born Nov. 29, 1766. Having been unsuccessful in business, he obtained a commission as an officer in the Excise. His attention was suddenly called to realize the wickedness of his heart and life. He was passing by a dissenting place of worship in the borough town of Midhurst, County of Sussex at a time when some person, preaching in the pulpit, uttered the words "Brethren you have a God to go to". These words pierced his heart. In an hour of temptation and distress, God of his infinite good pleasure was graciously pleased to hush his troubled mind into peace indescribable. He was enabled to realize how life and immortality are brought to light in the Gospel and the words of the Apostle John "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin". This gave him to hope that God, for Christ's sake, had forgiven him all his transgressions.

When Mr. Upfold had obtained a satisfactory evidence of his adoption into the family of God's dear children, he was greatly concerned for the souls of others. He soon left the service of His Britannic Majesty to devote himself to the service of the King of Kings. He ventured to offer his service to the London Missionary Society, was examined by a Committee who returned his name as a candidate for missionary labors. He turned his eye towards America. As soon as he could get ready he left his native country for a foreign land, in the spring of 1801. From Boston where he landed with his family he removed in the autumn to Portland, Maine where he united with the Baptist denomination and became a Licentiate from that church to go forth and preach. In the spring of 1806 they migrated to Fairfield, Herkimer County, N.Y. On Jan. 4, 1807, he was ordained to the work of the ministry by a council of delegates from seven churches. His first labours after leaving Fairfield in 1809 were in the towns of Remsen, Boonville, Leyden, and Western, producing a reformation so general that in the three first mentioned towns churches were established. Up to 1816 his labours were continued in Fabius and Sangerfield and to missionary towns in Upper Canada. He removed to the town of Clinton in that Province in the fall of 1816. The church served a territory 40 miles in circumference, in addition he had alternate locations for worship, 16 miles apart and the care of all the churches devolved upon him. The toils and fatigues of nine years having greatly impaired his health he returned to this state (N.Y.) and took up his residence at Montozuma. He preached to the people of that village and vicinity for





(Upfold family cont.)

two years, also in Hannibal and other parts of Oswego County, where he passed the closing year of his laborious life. He died on the 12th of September, 1828.

"His integrity as a man and his faithfulness as a minister of the Lord Jesus had secured for him the friendship and Christian affection of many who will sorrow most of all that they shall see his face no more. He died at his post with the honor that comes from God."

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John Upfold

b. Nov. 27, 1768; d. Sept. 12, 1828; m. Jane Vokes, No. 360,  
b. Apr. 1765, daughter of Joseph Vokes of Faversham, County of  
Surrey, England; she died at Hannibal, N.Y.

Children:

- 361. Jane Upfold, b. Shalford, England, Oct. 18, 1794;  
m. Nov. 10, 1812, George Pettit, died  
Apr. 2, 1828
- 362. Edmund, b. Tooting, Eng. June 23, 1796; d. Nov. 10,  
1797
- 363. Mary Ann, b. Shalford, Eng. Sept. 4, 1799; d. at  
Clinton, Upper Canada, Nov. 25, 1820
- 364. Nancy, b. Matinius Is. Maine, Aug. 30, 1803
- 365. Betsey, b. Thomastown, Maine, July 23, 1805;  
died at Albany, Oct. 20, 1805
- 366. Sally Vokes, b. Fairfield, Horkimor County,  
Jan. 26, 1808; died Montozuma, Feb. 27, 1827
- 367. George Pettit Upfold, b. Fabius, May 29, 1912;  
died Sept. 29, 1828, aged 17 years





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